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War Dept
Jany 11th 1814

Sir

You are authorized to supply by Militia Drafts or by Volunteers any deficiency which may arise in the Militia Division under the command of Majr. Genl. Jackson and without referring on the Head to this Department — It may be well that your Excellency consult Genl Pinckney on such occasions as he can best judge of the whole number necessary to the attainment of the Public objects

I am very respectfully
Yr Excellency
Obt Servant
Signd J Armstrong

Gov Blount

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War Dept. Jany 11th 1814

Sir

You are authorized to supply by Militia any deficiency which may arise in the Military Division under the command of Major Genl Jackson and without referring on this head, to this Dept. — It may be well that your Excellency should consult Genl Pinckney on such questions as he can best judge of the whole number necessary to the attainment of the public objects — I am Sir, very respectfully,

your Excellency's
Most Obt Servant
(signed) J. Armstrong

His Excellency Governor Blount

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War Dept. Jany 31st 1814

Sir

I have had the honor to receive your Excellency's letter of the 8th instant — My letter of the 11th will have anticipated your inquiries relative to further Detachments of Militia — The attention of the Pay Master of the Army will be particularly directed to the payment of the Troops who have been in service from Tennessee — I have the honor to be very respectfully,

your Excellency's
most Obt Servant
Signed John Armstrong

His Excellency W. Blount
Governor of Tennessee

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War Dept. Feby 8th 1814

Sir,

Your Excellency's letter of Jany 24th has been recd. — Genl. Pinckney has been instructed to employ the Cherokees and reward them for their services. — I have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's
Most Obt. Servant
Signed, J. Armstrong

His Ex. Willie Blount
Governor of Tennessee
Nashville

War Dept. Jany 3d 1814

Duplicate Copy sent to you

Sir,

Your Excellency's letter of the 10th Ult. has been recd. It is thought most advisable, under all circumstances, that the construction given to their engagements by the organized Volunteers of 1812, be admitted — In no other case however have Volunteers of the same description refused to make good three hundred and sixty five days actual service.

The Militia may be considered as having been called out under the law of 1795, which limits the service to three mon[ths]. The President is the more disposed to make this decision, as the State law provides that a period of three months shall be deemed a tour of duty, and as the spirit and patriotism of Tennessee leaves no doubt but that a succession of Corps

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competent to the objects of Government will be regularly provided —

Your Excellency has been informed that Mr. McGhee the Contractor was supplied with funds to meet the requisitions for provisions — and his receipt for money which you furnished for his accommodation is herewith returned — It was distinctly stated by him that your Excellency would be paid out of the advances which he rec^d. while at this place — I have the honor to be very respectfully, &c. your Most Ob^t. Servant

Sign'd. J. Armstrong

P.S. The draft of Ward and Taylor in favor of Col. Pope will be paid — such of the hostile Indians as have been made prisoners must be brought within the settlements and supported until further arrangements shall be adopted.

J. A.

His Ex. Willie Blount
Governor of Tenn.
Nashville

On the way to fort Strother Jany 11th 1814
40 mile tree

Dear Genl,

I have recieved yours of this morning
punctuality I know ought to be observed in military
movements – and I know our want of it has been a
source of as great uneasiness to me as it has been to
you – But the charge does not apply to me, as
the delay was occasiond by circumstances not within
my controal – The simple truth is, that had the move
ments been made agreeably to my views I should have
been with you on Sunday night – When I went on to
head quarters last week, I left orders that were not
obeyed – I was only 1 1/2 days going from head quarters
to Huntsville – and had a new road blazed a proper
ford over flint rock creek, that one regt could
be marched that way and the other by Dittos
landing – by this means we could have crossed the river
at least one day sooner, but the arrangements had been
made by Genl Coffee for crossing at Dittos – and we had
to do it, add to this a refusal to march on Genl Coffees order
and the delay is accounted for – and I again repeat that
had I been unshackled the troops would have been
with you two days since – On friday we marched –
and were two days crossing or nearly so – I marched the first
regt to Deposite on sunday to have their corn and provisions
reddy – and directed the second to be up last night – they
did so – at dark I gave them a positive order

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to draw their corn and provisions and be ready to march at daylight — They were engaged the whole night drawing, shelling corn and cooking — This morn we moved and will be with you to morrow night, if the horses does not fail they have a bushel of corn each and three days provisions —
I applied at fort deposite for flints — they were said to have been sent on, but least they should be mistaken I send an express, to be at fort Strother on thursday

we have along, fit for duty, officers included 843
I should have sent you regular return, but the adjutants have not consolidated the reports of the morning — or I could wish — altho we will be two days longer, reaching head quarters than was expected, yet you will find in this detachment troops orderly, ready and willing to do their duty — we march with all the precaution necessary in an enemys country —
I left a positive order, when I left Huntsville for head quarters last week, with the Colᵃ to have his horses shod; that was not done — some few are to be shod it will not detain us two hours, as I understand they are nails on at fort Strother if not we will go on —
I never have, nor never will, as a military man, disappoint my superior, in any order I receive, when not controuled by or subject to others — but on the present occasion I am not culpable — at any rate when I have the

honor of seeing you, I will account for all things

I have been been grieved to the soul, to thing you

would be disappointed –

I want a few good muskets – I suppose you have

cartriges made – with the hope of seeing you

to morrow night – I am with sentiments

of esteem, yr Mo. Obt

Servt

Wm Carroll

The pack horse company will make near about Nine

hundred –

Col. Carroll, dated
11 Aug. 1814

Major Genl Andrew Jackson
Fort Jackson
Creek Nation

Maj. Genl. Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Creek Nation

Milledgeville 11 Jany 1814

Mr Lazer Roberts will act for the Quart: Mast: Genl Depart. receive the Horse from Mr McCandless the Express & furnish him with another & settle with an Officer of the Quart: Mast: Genl Dept of the U. S.

Francis K. Huger
Adjt Genl
6th & 7 M. S. Distt

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Recd. Milledgeville Jany 11th 1814 of

William McCandless A Barrel Lard Belo[ng]

to the U.S. By order of Genl. Pinkney —

Jabez Robert

Lookaunt Mountain Mr. Ross's Jany. 11. 1814

Genl. Jackson,

Sir on the 9th inst. I wrote you a few lines respecting the Situations of provisions, Mr. Coxes Boats that I was waiting for, arrive here last night containing three hundred and fifteen Barrels of the best kind of flour, which is now starting down the River, & will land at Fort Deposit in four days, without some bad luck. from there I hope Waggons will be plenty for transporting the same, from the best information, and such as I can rely on, I am certain there can be had about two thousand Barrels of flour in East Tennessee yet, which I am determined to have before I return, this with some Corn Meal, I think Genl. will relieve you from are starving again. I have met with Mr. McGhee and him & myself completely understand each other, and rest asured Genl. I do believe Mr. McGhee, is determined to do every thing in his power, to supply your Army. independent of the quantity I have contracted with him for he says he will go with me all over Tennessee & do every thing because his hands are open & full of money so that I can ventured to say you will be plentifully supplied, in the contract with Mr. McGhee and myself he has reserved a part for the purpose of complying with the Requisitions, made of him, I told Mr. McGhee that from what I had heard you say if to Mr. McGhee would, furnish the Contractors under Wear & Taylor with the provisions. I would exonerate him from the Requisitions If you please Genl. I want you to write me on this hand so that I may be able to satisfy Mr. McGhee, the provision will all be for the Army and the thing will be same, since I left now about eight hundred Barrels of Bread Stuff has gone on for the Army. this I think will enable you to start and depend on our exertions for a support as no pains will be spared by us or Mr. McGhee, I say again you may calculate safely. If you please Recapitate the commissaries and make them do their duty. I have Written to Col.

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[illegible] and the contractor respecting my prospects of
Flour &c, Mr. McGhee has likewise agreed to let us
have a large quantity of Pork which will before
long be at the Ten Islands, as the contractors in
Madison County (I hope) are throwing in large quantities of Corn
Meal at Fort Strother, there is a large quantity of Corn
on the River a number of Boats have passed for Fort
Deposit, and a large Quantity could be purchased middling
low. Majr Baxter is here who will regulate all new
here and keep those Speculating Gentlemen in there
proper places, the Majr has thought best to detain some
of this flour to keep those waggons busy from here to Fort
Armstrong and he says so soon as there is a Boat load
at Fort Armstrong he will direct Coln. Snodgrass to send
it on immediately to you, excuse the lenth of my letter I should
I should not have spun it out so long if I had not
believed the prospects of provisions would be pleasing
to you. I would be glad you would write me the first
chance and as Majr Baxter will Remain here and
will send the letter on. My best respects to the Gentlemen
that compose your family and believe me your

Most obt. Humd. Servt.

James Mitchell

P.S. Genl. Sir While I was in Huntsville Col. Pope & Myself made the necessary arrangements about the issues made by Brownlow and Austin, and as some of them were made in Madison County and some in Ward & Taylors District but before they had came the Abstract will be presented to you in the name of Barcly McGhee I wish if you please to have it signed as Mr. McGhee has the money to pay so soon as the Abstract is presented to him ~~&~~ Mr. Read & Myself are in want of money to pay for the provisions from which these issues originated. I would be glad if consisting with what is right you would ~~have it~~ sign it

Yours &c James Mitchell

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Maj. Genl Andrew Jackson
commanding at
Fort Strother
or on a march

Majr Baxters care

James Mitchell, &c
Recd Aug 11. 1814

Maj. General Andrew Jackson
commanding at
Fort Strother
or on a march

Maj. Baxter care

James Mitchell, dated
Augs Aug 11. 1814

Knoxville January 11th 1814

Major General Jackson

Sir

I have seen your letter to General Cocke of Decemr. 28th. and was much astonished and concerned that you have put so unfavourable a const=ruction on my motives for taking Ratliff and his proper=ty. — Execrable indeed must that villian be who with superior numbers would rob from an individual his honest reward of industry. whether I have been guilty of such dastardly conduct. or manafested a strong dis=position to suppress it in every instance in my power I leave with those to determine who have had an opp=ortunity of Judging. — did I believe that you had any idea of my intentions. I could not restrain my indignation at your expressions relative to taking Ratliff, but I write under the impression that you are entirely una=cquainted with them. I will therefore acquaint you.

Previous to my leaving Fort Strother General Cocke observed that no property was to be molested after we left Ratliffs. and understanding that you was desirous to have him apprehended, it meeting the approbation of every individual in my company, together with the advice of Judge Kelly. and Ratliffs ~~own~~ confession that

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that he had held a correspondance with Catioly. in addition to a report that you had detected his letters to the same. I determined to make him and his negroes prisoners of the united States. I done so. and brought them on with much trouble to myself and Company. I observ'd to them that the undertaking would be attended with additional fatigue, and retard our progress home. but as we were in the service and pay of our Country, it became our duty. — I addressed them thus because I had reason to believe that some considered them as our individual property. — When I came to Hy=hwassee I called on Col^o. Meigs and made him acq=uainted with what I had done, he appeared to approbate the measure, and advised to take good care that Rattlip did not abscond. immediately on my arri at this place I asked the favor of Col^o. Williams to take him in possession, he did so. and the next mail I wrote to General Cocke and asked his Commands. he arrived some days after and ordered me to hire out the Negroes untill he would learn the disposition of the secretary of War, but the morning of the same day that they were to be hire he rec^d. your order to send them home

Thus I have given you a faithfull account of this transaction, and hope now it will meet your approbation, of which I will expect you to inform me.

I am very respectfully
Yr. Ob. Servt.
Rufus Morgan

Capt. Morgan, dated
Knoxville, Jany. 11. 1814

Major General
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother
Col. Williams }

Major General

Andrew Jackson

Col. Williams

Fort Strother

[C]apt. Morgan, Recd [uncertain reading]

Knoxville, Jany 11. 1814

Fort Deposit January the 11th 1814—

Dear General on to morrow morning I Start home to Rais the Compeny of men I promised you I would do some time past I have not had the opportunaty of Leaving this place untell now by Reason of the Cavelry not Coming as Soon as I Expected them to this place and the Setuation of it needed me personally—but the Contractors has Sent a hand here to help me which gives me the Chance to Leave here a few days—you may de=pend on my Exertions for the best I Can do—there has Came to this place this morning a Large quantity of Corn and nobody to help with it out of the boats—all Raynolds Compeny is gone home—and he himself Starts this morning home Likewise—and far from being well but on the mend Major bradly and myself has this morning Spoke to John Thomson for help from the Indians to asist us in onloading the boats and killing about thirty head of hogs that is now on hands and then Every thing I think will be in a tolarable good trane—— be as favourable with Brother Bob as ~~[illegible]~~ the nature of the Case will admit he will never Leave you without Leave of your=self—I am Dear Sir yours Respectfully

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Jo. Reid

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J. Rea, dated
Ft. Deposit, 4. Jany 1814

Major General
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother

Major
General
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother

J. Rea, with D
H. Deposit, 4. Aug. 1814

Highwassee Garrison
12th. January 1814.

My dear General.

This will be handed to you by a Son of the Chiefs with whom you are acquainted. I write by desire of the Father to introduce to your notice 2 or 3 Sons of the Chiefs. they have taken arms & are ready to obey your orders in such service against the Common Enemy as you may think proper. they inform me that they will be accompanied by a number of young Cherokees who are armed for the campaign under your command.

A principal Chief from Hightower was here on the 6th. Instant for Lead. he informed me that their frontier situation compels them to be at all times ready to act against the hostile Creeks. he says they have plenty of powder made in the Town of Hightower. that in that large Town there is 263 warriors: but a number have no firearms: but says they will not fall back. they will hold their places and defend themselves like their white Brethren.

He also says that 60 of Creeks of the hostile party have lately come to his town all well armed & offer to join the Cherokees against their deluded Countrymen. saying that they had greatly suffered in their minds before they could get away they brot. their women & Children with them. had not that have been the case. the Cherokees would have Killed them

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but bringing their families to pass the Cherokees that they might receive them as friends. There was a muster at Washington on the 10th Instant for sending you a reinforcement. of which you must stand in need. the delays & want of provision in keeping men from the Mass is embarrassing to those who are anxious to render effectual service to their country.

Major General Jackson

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your Obt. Servant
Return J. Meigs.

P.S.

I received your letter by a messenger from Dick Brown.
I have already engaged a large quantity of corn for the Cherokees to replace what they have furnished for your troops and I hope they will still continue to deserve your commendation — Anything from you to the Secretary of War relating to these usefulness will be of moment to them. I furnished 140 lbs. of lead to the Hightower town — they having melted their pewter plates & spoons to make Rifle ball. ———

R. J. M.

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Major General Andrew Jackson

Commanding the Tennessee

Volunteers

Fort Strother

Col. [illegible] J. Meigs to
Genl Jackson, dated
July 12th 1814

Recd Mar 5. 1814

Major General Andrew Jackson

Commanding the Tennessee

volunteers

Fort Strother

Genl. Jackson, dated

Jany 12th 1814

Recd. Mar. 5. 1814

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War Department
January 13th 1814.

Sir,

Your Letter of December 10th has been received.

The Steps you have taken are approved. Colonel Williams has been ordered to join you with the Recruits of the 39th Regiment.

I am Sir, very Respectfully,
Your most Obed. Servant.
J. Armstrong

General Andrew Jackson.
Fort Strother. 3

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The Honble. John Armstrong
To Genl. Jackson, dated
January 13th. 1814

Recd. Feby 16th. 1814

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War Department
Jany 13th 1814.

Sir,

Your letter of December 10th has been received. The steps you have taken are approved. Col: Williams has been ordered to join you with the recruits of the 39th Regt.

I have the honor &c

(Signed) John Armstrong

Genl
Andrew Jackson

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The Secy of War

to

Genl Jackson

13 Jany 1814.

Brig: Genl. John Coffee

Ft Strother. 13th January 1814

Sir,

You have prefered charges for an arrest against me as Col. of the 2d. Regiment of West Tennessee mounted Volunteers. I think, if you had been correctly advised of the causes which influenced my conduct that you would not have prefered those charges; & that you will cheerfully withdraw them, the moment those causes, are made known to you.

I never received or was officially advised of your order of the 6th Inst, (with a violation of which I am charged) until this day, when it was communicated to me by Col. Perkins -

The instrument of writing which was drawn by Col Perkins, I signed, not because I was unwilling to be commanded by you; but because I was made to believe that the intermediate general, who should command us, must be chosen by ourselves.

Let me again possitively assure you that I do not feel any unwillingness whatever to be com=
=manded by you

I have the honor to be
very Respectfully
Wm. Higgins . C. C. of
2. Regimental M. T.
and M. T. Volunteers

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Col. Higgins
15th. Jany 1814

Genl. John Coffee
Present

Jany 13. 1814.

Agreeable to your request. Genl. Coffee, I now state in wrighting that I was entirely egnorant of your order of the sixth Inst. only as a report in the camp and never was in possession of it untill this Day; which was handed me by Col. Perkins. —

my assigning an instrument of writing Drew up by Col. Perkins; was not that I was unwilling to be commanded by you, but that I thought it was in the power of the men to choose there Genl. I am willing to be commanded by you

Genl. John Coffee Henry Higgins

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Col. Higgin's letter
to Genl. Coffee
13th May 1816

(private)

Natchez 13th. Jan. 1814.

Sir,

I have heard with much pleasure your friendly disposition towards the Republican cause in Mexico, hence the liberty which I have taken in addressing you this letter, the object of which, is to solicit your aid and influence in support of that glorious cause, and that you will personally imbark therein, with assurances that the door to Rank and distinction has not been closed by existing arrangements.

I shall proceed immediately to take possession of Nacodoches, which will serve as a place of deposit and Rendezvous — Everything relative thereto is in motion, and progressing with that energy and celerity which promise success — the campaign will commence early in the spring — with at least 3000 men.

Should you determine to join our service — all contracts which you may make for arms, ammunition, provision clothing camp equipage &c. &c. shall be, with good faith, fullfilled and dis-charged by the Mexican Republic — and the commander in chief, is bound to see the same carried into effect.

(My address is at Natchitoches.)

I am very respectfully Sir,

Your most Obt. Hble Servant.

John H. Robinson

John Coffe Esqr.

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Private

Sir, Natchez M.T. Jan. 1814.

I have heard with much pleasure your friendly dispositions toward the Republican cause in Mexico, hence the liberty which I have taken in addressing you this letter, the object of which is to solicit your aid and influence in support of that glorious cause, and that you would persevere in that course, with assurance that the aid [illegible] and distinction [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

I shall proceed in a few days to take up a position [illegible] which will be a rendezvous or place of deposit of [illegible] — Everything relative to [illegible] is in [illegible] and prospering well [illegible] which promise success — the campaign will commence [illegible] in the spring with at least 3000 men.

Should you determine to join our service — all contracts which you may make for arms, ammunition, provisions, clothing, camp equipage &c. &c. shall be, with good faith, fulfilled and discharged by the Mexican Republic — and the commander in chief is bound to see the same carried into effect.

(my address is at Natchitoches)

I am very respectfully Sir,

Your most Obt. Hble Servant.

John Cappe Esqr.

John H. Robinson

A correct copy of this letter is enclosed to the Secretary at War, this third of March 1814.

C. Cassedy

To Genl Coffee
1814

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John Coffee Esqr.
Nashville
Tennessee

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Camp Ross Jany 11th 1814

Majr Genl Andrew Jackson

Sir

After dark this evening Sergt Jno Ross reach'd this place with the Express from Genl Pinckney, tomorrow morning he starts from this place for ten Islands he has performed the trip comporting with the Character I had of him, he has a son of Mr Danl Rosses with him as a traveling Companion he is young but has an ardent desire to Join the Life guard but his education is not finished yet and his Father dont wish him to be so long absent as he has a private tutor in the Family —

Please pay the Express at the Rate of $2.50 p day until he returns to this place he found himself and horse.

I have but little money with me and may want some for Contingent expences Could you loan me some, soon as I have it in my power will refund it should you have it in your power thus to Oblige me please send it me by the bearer of the express — the East Tenne. lads are going home dayly & have to

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a deaf ear to some expression that is grating to my ear but am not able to contend with the whole — there arrived here last evening a Majr Bradley who observed to me you had honourably discharged a Lieut. in a Company of West Tennse. +on Guard Mallitia + after having refused to obey the officer of the Day in the discharge of his duty, complaint being made to you, you should have sent your aid for his sword and he refused to give it up, that you went your self and you and the Lieut. stood he his firelock and you your pistol presented at eachother this was the conduct that procur'd him this discharge — I would thank you for a sketch of the truth on this subject should you write me

Messrs. McGee and Mitchel left this yesterday there was something appeard to me I could not understand the one contractor selling provisions to another, after some conversati=on between themselves the wanted to know if provisions deliver'd to the agents of Ward and Taylor by Mr. McGee would release him from the requisitons made for the army I told them I had

not heard you say any thing on that
Subject nor would not agreed to any
such thing until I heard from you

Tomorrow I intend to go to Highwasee
and engage a man out of the service to
build boats on Canesaga we have no
men here but a Lieut. a Qr Master and
a Servt. to keep this place & can do
nothing until men comes on, I wrote
to Qr. Master Meridith for thirty Waggons
for this line I'll use my utmost means
try to keep the contractors to their duty and
try to do my own

I am Sir
most respectfully
your most obt. Servt.
James Baxter

Majr Genl Andrew Jackson

Maj.r General Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Ten Islands

Express

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Major Baxter &c.

Recd 5 Jany 16. 1814

Majr. General Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Ten Islands

Express

Major Baxter &c
Recd Jany 12. 1814

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Huntsville
Jany 14. 1814

Dear Genl

This will be handed you by Captain Jacob Prewell of our County who has raised fifteen men for the purpose conducting pack horses to Fort Strother or wherever you may think proper to direct; he has engaged for a month and we have promised him that his men shall receive ten dollars per month in addition to their pay from the United States, he is an old Campaigner against Indians, and one amongst the most active and enterprising men in our County, and has had much practical knowledge in Indians wars in former days; he wishes to be useful to his Country, and I am of opinion you will be much pleased with his Industry and

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enterprising Spirit, I wish for my
part that such a man as him
Could have Command at Fort deposit
we have suffered much there for want
of Suitable store houses for the reception
of meal meat &c — I hope you will
have the necessary store houses erected
there for us, as we shall have much
flour meal meat & whiskey there soon,
Capt Prewitt takes out fifty pack
horses with his men, he is no
doubt well acquainted with packing,
I am told some of the old volunteers have
seen their error & are returning to the
Army I hope all your difficulties are
at an end & really you have had as
trying a time as ever fell to the lot of man
I hope your Country will yet do you Justice

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ends. When that is the case you will receive its thanks for your talents & patriotism, & the united applause of all good men,
With the real esteem & respect I remain
Dear Genl Yr. mo. ob. Svt.
John Brahan

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Capt. John Strahan
to Genl Jackson. dated
Jany 14th 1814

Recd or filed
March 12th 1814

Majr Genl Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother
Tennessee on
Capt.
Reuben [illegible]

Majr. Genl Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

ten Islands on

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Capt. John Brahan
to Genl Jackson. dated
Jany 14th 1814

Recd or filed
March 12th 1814

Fort Strother 14th January 1814

Major Genl. Jackson

Sir, Col William Higgins commanding the Regt. of Tennessee & ~~Mounted~~ Madison County Mounted Volunteers, having satisfactorily explained the causes that influenced his conduct in disobeying my Orders of the 6th instant, to have been occasioned by his never having been officially advised of the Order untill the 13th instant, when it was communicated to him by Col. Perkins — In consequence of which I have to request of you that the charges exhibited by me against Col. Higgins be returned and the application for his arrest is withdrawn

I am Sir very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant

Jno Coffee Brig. Genl.
of Ten Vol. Cavalry & M. riflemen

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Copy of ~~order~~ withdrawal of arrest of Col Higgins

Fort Strother 14th January 1814

Major Genl. Jackson,

Sir, Col William Higgins commanding the Regt. of Tennessee and Madison County mounted Volunteers, having satisfactorily explained the causes that influenced his conduct in disobeying my order of the 6th Instant, to have been occasioned by his never having been officially advised of the order untill the 13th Instant, when it was communicated to him by Col. Perkins — In consequence of which I have to request of you ~~that~~ the charges exhibitted by me against Col Higgins be returned and the application ~~is withdrawn~~ for his arrest is withdrawn —

I am Sir very respectfully
your Obedient Servant

Jno. Coffee
Brigr. Genl. ~~of~~ Ten Vol.
Cavalry & Mounted Riflemen

In conformity with the above request the charges prefered by Genl. Coffee, against Col William Higgins are returned

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Genl. Coffee; dated
Ft. Strother, Jan. 14. 1814

Camp near Ft. Strother
Jany. 14th 1814

Sir

With respect to your Order of the 6th Inst which is now in my possession, but was not designedly retained, Majr. Shaw being requested to leave it with me until a Coppy could be taken which he granted, but was not seen by me afterwards and as I believed left the Camp immediately, the Coppy was taken and the original was intended to have been given up, and has at all times since been ready to be surrendered. If any part of my conduct was contrary to the etiquette of military procedure I can assure it did not proceed from any personal consideration. You not having been announced to me as a General to take the command of the two Regiments of Volunteers, which had you have been I should not have hesitated to obey your Order; notwithstanding the Order and letter under which I volunteered prescribed as I thought the way to proceed to head Quarters inorder to be mustered into service.

I am Yrs Respectfully

Nichs. T. Perkins
Col. W. T. M. V.

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Col N. T. Perkins
14th. Jany 1814

Maj. Gen. John Coffee
Fort Strother

Col N. T. Perkins
14th Jany 1814

Brign Genl. John Coffee

Fort Strother

Fort Hampton 4th Jan'y 1814

Dear Sir

I avail myself of the Opportu-
=nity by Mr King, who is on Express
to your Camp, to inform you that
I shall leave this in a few days, for
N. Orleans, with a Small Detachment
Say one hundred and sixty of the 7th Infy

I flatter myself that we will
meet in the Creek Nation, or Pensacola

May you be prosperous in
your Campaign, is the sincere
Wish of Yr
friend & Hble Servt

R Sparks
Col 2d Infy

Genl Jackson

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Col. Sparks, dated
Ft. Hampton, Jan'y 4. 1814

Knoxville January 14th 1814 —

Dear General,

Whilst this world is infested with so many scoundrels, I deem it improper, that honest, and honorable, men, should be suffered, to remain, on other than good, terms, for want, of the truth being told — This sentiment must be my apology for troubling you on a subject, in which, it may be thought I have no concern — A few days since a letter from you reached General Cocke at this place, by which he was directed to cause Ratcliff and his property to be liberated, and in which his capture is reprehended in very strong terms. it unfortunately happens that those expressions are to be applied to Captain Rufus Morgan and his company, because they were the captors. As I too well know the numerous instances in which the property of indians and indian Countrymen has been wantonly pillaged and destroyed, and believe, that when writing you were only apprised of the capture, without knowing by whom made, or from what motives, I feel myself at no loss to account for the strong language with which the order of release is accompanied.

But when you are made acquainted with the circumstances attending the taking, and the motives which produced it, I have ventured to say, and still believe, that I know you too well, to suppose, that the term plunderers, or any other term of reproach, will be, by you, considered, applicable, either to Captain Morgan, or his company.

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1229 Without any military experience Captain Morgan, voluntarily entered

the Service, from those motives which actuate the Patriot only.— without a frown,
he, in every instance, not only discharged his own duty but kept his company in
a disposition to do theirs likewise — during my stay at Camp, my tent was pitched
at his fire, therefore it is, that I do not speak of him, at random.
When first at Fort Strother, Ratcliff was the subject of conversation, I then
heard some person (who I do not remember) say, letters found, at Catawlay Town,
placed his character in a suspicious light; upon my return to Fort Armstrong
I repeated what I had heard, and have no doubt, in Captain Morgan's hearing.
When last at Fort Strother, the same thing was stated, by some of the Gentlemen from
West Tennessee— in consequence of these statements, the idea had become very
general, amongst the people from East Tennessee, that Ratcliff had correspond
-ed with the Red Sticks, and that a fear his letters, had been taken with
Catauloy, had induced an abandonment of his dwelling— When I left
Fort Strother, Capt Morgan had not set off, he had no expectation, at
that time, as I believe, of meeting with Ratcliff— The next morning,
shortly after passing Ratcliff's farm, I overtook, three or four men from East
Tennessee, who told me, they had found out where Ratcliff and his Negros were
and that they were going to take them; and asked my opinion on the
subject— My advice was, not to touch him, as they had no orders, and were
not possessed of the Evidence against him— this advice they followed—
I have only named this circumstance to shew, how prevalent the idea, was, that
Ratcliff and his property ought to be taken— On my rout I saw the old man

and some of his negros at John Ratcliff and the residue of his negros some miles this side — Captain Morgan & his company came the same road after me, and (as I had done) accidentally, fell in with Ratcliff & his negros, took him and the property which they believed to be his — under a conviction, I have no doubt, that they were doing an act, which, would meet the approbation, of every officer, of the government — I have understood and believe, that about the time of the capture, Captain Morgan met with Judge Kelly, and not willing to depend upon his own opinion, alone, took that of the Judge, who, recommended the taking — I met Capt. Morgan a short distance below Knoxville on his return — his company, Ratcliff and his property were with him, and I believe they had no property along, but what they believed to be Ratcliffs — the Capt. told me what he had done, — I advised a Report to be made to Genl. Cocke, as he said, he felt at some loss, what to do with the property and never had expected or wished any personal benefit whatever from it — I understood he did write Genl. Cocke — I said nothing to Capt. Morgan, respecting my opinion, of the propriety, of taking the negros — as the opinion could be, then of no use, and might make him, uneasy — Old Ratcliff told me that after he was taken, nothing belonging to the indians, was molested by, either the Capt., or his company —

I know, none, can more readily, than you, realize the feelings of an honorable man when he receives censure, for an act, that he thought praise worthy; and am convinced, that although, you will not fail, to inflict a wound

where you believe duty compels, it; Yet, you will ~~[illegible]~~ feel a pleasure, in healing that wound whenever it can be done with propriety—

As Col: Williams is the bearer, I need say nothing of news—

On monday I go to Clarksville—expect to be at Nashville February throughout—

Believe me, when I assure you, that I am; as I ought to be,

Your friend

Hu. L. White

Major Genl.
Andrew Jackson—

Judge White, dated
Knoxville, Jany 11. 1814

Ft. Mother
13th Jany 1814

Sir

Major Shaw requested in my presence the original order of Genl. Coffee of the 6th Jany & Col. Perkins requested time to take a copy observing that he was willing to do what was right I pledged myself that it should at some future time be returned - Major Shaw immediately left the camp in company with Col Carrol the copy was immediately taken and through the bustle of decamping and the impossibility of seeing Major Shaw in that case the delivery of the paper was delayed though fully designed to be surrendered at any moment.

I am Sir respectfully yours

Geo. Blackburn

Majr. Reid

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G. Blackburne
to
Major Reid.
15th Jany 1814

Fort Strother 15th January 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Sir

On the 7th Instant I made a request of you, that Colo. Nicholas T. Perkins commanding the Regiment of West Tennessee mounted Volunteers, should be Arrested on the Charge of disobedience of Orders & ungentlemanly and unofficer like Conduct agreeably to the specification accompanying said request — Having received from Colo. Perkins under date of the 14th instant, an apology for his conduct upon which the charges was founded which is satisfactory to my feelings, and from the confusion that has raged in the lines am willing so far as is consistant with upright Military conduct and my own feelings to spare [illegible] of others whose apology rests upon ignorance of their [illegible] & a want of Military knowledge as well as from a belief that Colo. Perkins in his disobedience of orders & ungentlemanly & unofficer like conduct was influenced by the Council of wicked & designing men, [illegible]; do withdraw the request for the arrest of Colo. Perkins — notwithstanding it is to be clearly understood that the charges & specifications exhibited against the Colo. & which accompanied the request for his arrest, I am able to establish by competent proof and the withdrawal only proceeds from a wish that the Public service may

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not be interrupted by officers being called from their duty in the field to investigate the subject, when Colo. Perkins apology has sufficiently restored my feelings & a hope in future that he will endeavour to do his duty — independant of any advice to the contrary —

I am Sir with great respect
Your Obt. Servt.—
Jno. Coffee Brigr. Genl.
of Ten Vol Cavalry and
mounted Riflemen

Fort Strother Head quarters
January 15th 1814

On the above application, the request for the arrest of Col. Nicholas T. Perkins commanding the west Tennessee mounted volunteers are permitted to be withdrawn — and the papers on the request of Genl John Coffee, is given up to him —

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl —

Major Genl. A. Jackson

Genl. Adjt. Office, Ext.
7. District Aug. 10th 1814

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Major Genl. A. Jackson

Genl. Adjt. Office, [illegible]
R. Butler. Aug: 1st 1814

Fort Strother 15th January 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Sir, On the 7th Instant I made a request of you, that Col Nicholas T Perkins, commanding the Regiment of west Tennessee mounted Volunteers should be arrested on the charge of disobedience of orders and ungentlemanly and unofficer like conduct agreeably to the specifications accompanying said request, —

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the public service may not be interrupted, by officers
being called from their duty in the field, to investigate
the subject when Col Perkins's apology has sufficiently
restored my feelings, and a hope, in future that he will
endeavour to do his duty, independent of any advice
to the contrary— I am Sir with great respect
your Obedient Servant

Jno Coffee Brigr Genl of
Ten Vol Cavalry, & Md Riflemen

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being called from their duty in the field to investigate
the subject — when Col Perkins apology has sufficiently
restored my feelings and a hope in future that he will
endeavour to do his duty independent of any [illegible]
to the contrary. I am Sir with great respect

Your Obedient Servant

Jn. Coffee Maj. Genl. [illegible]

Gen W [illegible]

Withdrawal of
Arrest of Col. Perkins
Jan. 15 1814

Jan 15 1814

Extracts of a letter from the War Department to General Flournoy, dated the 29th Decr. 1813.

"2nd It is deemed advisable to employ the young men of the Chactaw nation in such numbers as may be useful."

"8th The Chactaws will be allowed arms, ammunition & subsistance; and if their services be approved they shall be fully rewarded."

Copies of Letters to Genl. Flournoy from the War Department.

"War Department
Jany. 11th. 1814.

Sir,

Your letters of the 6th. 12th. & 13th. of Decr. have been received. It would appear from the extract of the letter to Capt. Oldham, that the British naval force which has appeared off Pensacola, is but one of blockade. The President has however thought it proper that the Chactaw Indians on the East side of the Mississippi, & the Caddo tribes on the West, should be engaged to act contingently against any external enemy of ours — & that the first mentioned tribe be as generally & zeal-

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zealously embarked in the existing war with the Creeks, as may be possible. I shall answer your letter of the   by the next mail.

I am Sir very respectfully
your mo. Obt. Servant
J. Armstrong"

Genl. Flournoy
N. Orleans.

"War Department
Jany. 15th 1814.

Sir,

One thousand Stands of arms, with powder & lead sufficient for sixty thousand cartridges, have been ordered from Pittsburgh, to be stored at Natchez, subject to your orders for arming and supplying such friendly Indians as you may employ in the service of the United States.

I am Sir very respectfully
your mo. ob. Ser.
J. Armstrong"

B. Genl. Flournoy
New Orleans.

Extracts & Copies
from the War
Department to
Genl. Flournoy

[15 Jan 1814]

The Carthage Gazette having noticed the conduct of the officers commanding the Volunteers in the north, who are daily claiming their discharge, and squinting at the conduct of the Volunteers, being illegally held to Service in the South, has given rise to the publication of the following extract of a letter from a member of Congress of the highest standing, to Major General Andrew Jackson, dated on the 15th of Janry last,

The Citizens of Tennessee can Judge to whose conduct it is to be ascribed, the implication of the Character of the State, for by the retrograde & desertion of her troops, the Character of the State is deeply implicated and the Character of the Militia, as a competent defence for war lost, Whether to the commanding General, or the mutinous Colonels, Majors & other materials who excited the discontents in the army endeavouring through the Blount of motives to destroy the campaign, tarnish the reputation of the State, and deluge the frontiers of the Mississippi Territory & State of Tennessee with the blood of the innocent and unoffending Women & Children - The Citizens will Judge, and when proper the names of those to whom it is Justly ascribable will be known to an indignant people,

We are Indebted to a private friend for the extract

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our Correspondent says. " you will see from the following
" extract of a letter from a member of Congress of high
" standing how greatly the reputation of our State is
" tarnished, by the mutinous disposition of the Volun-
" -teers from West Tennessee, and of the Militia by their
" desertion from the scene of War at the time they
" did" — It is as follows — " I regret, very much regret,
" the discontents and disorganization which have
" existed among your troops — They had done them
" -selves much honor in public opinion — Why
" should it be tarnished by their subsequent proceed
" -ings — The Character of the State is certainly im
" -plicated, and will suffer severely whatever
" may be the merits of the pretentions of the troops"
From the extract Citizens Judge for your
-selves —

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Extract of a letter from
a member of Congress &c

respecting the conduct
of the retrograding Volunteers

Head Quarters
Knoxville January 16th 1814

Major General Jackson

Sir

In mine of the 10th instant I was unable to give you inform-
-ation at what time the Troops from my Division would take up
their line of march — I with pleasure inform you that there
are at Camp Williams near 2000 men for six months
service. part of whom will march on this day. the residue on
tomorrow and next day and proceed as fast as possible to you —
Before I received your order of the 28th Ultimo. I had determined
[illegible] Old Ratliff to you and have his Negroes hired out
[illegible] I could have known the will of the Government relative
[illegible]n and property — I was induced to take this course from
what you said relative to him and what I heard at your
Quarters — I was impressed with a belief that Ratliff had
corresponded with the enemy and that you had his letter
to Catawly — I also understood you had ordered a Captain
Jones to search for and arrest Ratliff and that you intended
to have him tried by Court Martial & punished —
A Court Martial will set in a few days for the trial of
Captain Morgan —
I arrested Col. Wear as you required me. He demanded a
Court of Enquiry — The proceedings of that Court is inclosed —
I wish your order on this subject —
I am informed it was Col. Browns Regt. that took the property
of the Whooping Boy — If so I will have him arrested — 112

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Captain John Chiles will reach Kingston on tomorrow with a company of mounted men and proceed to Deposit. The bearer of this is of that company and will carry your order to him — I fear that arms cannot be procured in my Division they are all in service that are fit for use — Please detain the arms in Col. Lillard's Regt. to arm these men & send you. They are badly armed indeed

Respectfully
Yours &c. &c.

John Cocke
Major Genl.

Genl. Cocke, dated
Knoxville, Jany 16. 1814

January 18th 1814. A Negro Man called Caesar belonging to Bernard Riley's Wife who was taken at Fort Mimms states as follows:

That he lived at Chuckefpitka with Dickson Main=yac about 30 days ago a General came up the Alabama & destroyed that Town. the Indians were apprised of the approach of the Army and went out towards the big road distant about 15 mile to meet them the Army advanced by a different route on the rear of the Town & burnt it killing 7 Indians & 8 Negroes the Informant was taken Prisoner by Col: Russell's Horse=men he was with them three days on the second day they arrived at a Fort which the Army had erected on the other side of a big swamp on the 3d day they retreated down the River for want of Provision soon after they marched in the Morning the Informant ran away from them. There were 30 or 40 Choctaws with the Army. About 10 days ago he arrived at Coosaudee where he heard the Choctaws had drove off the Puckatan hatches and that the Oefuskees had moved down to the other side of Coosa opposite the hickory Ground but being in a state of Starvation there the Fishpond Indians had again returned to their homes. he heard nothing a=mong the Indians of Genl Jackson's having beaten the upper Towns Col: Russell informed him of it Col. R. said he was from Fort Claiborne. About 5 days ago he left Coosaudee on which day Josiah Francis with about 100 Men was to set off to Pensacola for ammunition

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ammunition a Spaniard called short legged Loher who used to reside at Withlawaule having brought a letter to the War Party that there was ammunition there for them if they would fetch it. The Indians living on Talipoosa between Tookaubachie & Tuskegee are said to be assembled near Withlewaule in hearing of each other. he has heard that since the Scouting Party drove in those who were at Cornell's place killing Hogs they don't venture much on this side the River the night of the alarm the War Whoop reached Commander and every man there hastened immediately to McQueen's where they remained three days afraid to come on to Cornells at length 2 men came on. As the Army did not advance they supposed from an Indian of the Party being missing that it was a false alarm and that his Comrades had killed him. One of the Party coming to McQueens Town to go to Pensacola [Bill Rutherford] overtook the informant on the Road he saw no other sign of Indians on this side Talipoosa. —

Copy of Information
[inclosed in Genl Floyd's
Letter to Genl Pinckney
dated "Camp on March
2 Miles from Ft Mitchell
January 18th 1814" —]
received from a Negroe
just from the hostile Indians
January 18th 1814.

Sir

I have examined with attention the enclosed account — I know not what the practice has been in such cases — But I still consider the charges as enormous, the certificates of the Physicians to the contrary notwith=
=standing — If one half of the account is paid it will be in my opinion a most liberal allowance

I have the honour to be with
entire respect
Y. Ob.t Servt.
David C. Ker
Hosp.l Surgn.

Jany. 16. 1814

Brig. Genl. Flournoy —

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Doctor Ferry's Letter
Concerning =
= Doctor French's
Medical =
= Accounts

Jan 16. 1814

Friends & Brothers

The term for which the troops under Command of Generals Jackson and Cocke having Nearly expired it was thought advisable to March them to their Respective homes and replace their numbers with a fresh army for a longer period in Consequence of Which I have recd their order to signify to you that your services are for the present dispensed with, but you are required to hold yourselves in readiness for further orders. The zeal with which you have on every occasion evinced your attachment towards the Government of the United States. The readiness and alacrity with which you have stept forward in support of the Common Cause. The Cool deliberate and stern bravery which you have manifested in the field Gives ample assurances with what promptitude this Joint Request of your General will be Complyed with

The dubious Character which the timerous and credulous part of the frontier Setlers was about to associate with your names has vanished and your nation now stands unmasked the supporters of its professions

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Friends & Brothers. There is yet Blanks in the History of fame which your Names will fill and be handed down to posterity with the brightness of the Sun

Fifty nights shall not pass ere your Swords your Lances and your knives shall drink the blood of your enemy. your Valor shall shew them the imbecility of their prophets and instill fresh fear in their hearts.

You are Requested to hold yourselves in the best possible State of preparation for action your Services may be called for in thirty days of which you shall be notifyed have your arms with you. we have none to furnish a Mark shall be offered which will distinguish you from the enemy.

The White Settlers among you are expected to give attendance a failure will Subject them to the severity of action which will be inforced without respect to persons. Sacrifices are necessary they will be considered valuable in proportion to the liberality and freedom with which they are offered none is too great on the present occasion

I [illegible]
com[illegible]
our [illegible]
shall [illegible]
perf[illegible]

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I take the Liberty. to Reassure you that every aggression committed by the unfeeling and Lawless part of our army. Marching through your Country shall be Redressed. I am with Sentiments of perfect esteem your Friend & Brother

Gideon Morgan Jr

I take the liberty & Assure you that every effort
committed by the enemy and [illegible]
on any [illegible] through your County
[illegible] to [illegible]. You will [illegible]
perfect esteem your Friend & Servt

Simon Morgan

Col. Morgan, dated
Ft. Armstrong, 16th Jany 1814

Fort Armstrong. Jany. 16th. 1814.

Major Genl. A. Jackson

Sir under a belief that It would embrace your order of the 15th decr. I Recrossed the Coosy with the Cherokees on the 18th and after delivering to them the inclosed. Order or address. dismissed them to their Respective homes. after which I Left this place for Knoxville. it was not until the 12th of the present. that your order of the 18th of. Last month ordering a Junction of the Cherokees with your army fell into My hands.— I most Sincerely regret My (premature) or probably too hasty. Construction of. your order. for nothing Could Equal the Satisfaction I Should receive by acting under your immediate Command

This place. is now in possession of about 60. Cherokees. (The time of the White troops having expired) Col. Snodgrass. with 15 or 20 of his Regiment is Still here but expect. their departure Shortly.— The Cherokees. above. are weighting orders. any disposition you wish will be made of them. Col John Williams' Regiment would probably leave Knoxville the 14th. The Malitia ordered out. by Genl. Cocke. were Collecting on the 10th. I am with esteem your Obt.

Gideon Morgan jr

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NB. Col. Snodgrass informs me he intends Continuing say

my supposition Relative to his departure is incorrect.

G Morgan Jr

Fort Armstrong January the 16th 1814

Dr. General

I have been in Conformity to your Order explo-
ring the waters of the Coosey River and from the best information I Cold
git the Land Carriage will be about half what it now is and the Road
a much firmer ground then it now is During my absence there was
an express sent on to the Settlement of East Tennessee and the Cherokee
Nation by Captn. McCalpin who Commanded at the fort in my
Absence that an attact was intended on the fort by Nine hundred
of the Creek indians I was on my way from the Connasauga River
towards Tennessee when I heard it I amedeately Started to the fort
and left Magor Baxter to examine where he Cold git the Nearest
passage and Clearest of waters that might impede the pasage of
wagons between the Deposits on Etoh River who will make Report
as soon as he has Obtained the Nessesary information on hering
the Report of the attact on the fort I wrote A line to Captn. Hicks
he Commanded a Company of Cherokees he Amedeately Marcht his
Company to the fort I have thought it advisable to Retain them
Knowing that it wold be imposable to keep the Melitia
after their time expired but Restricted them to Conform to any
Order that might be given them at this post and not to depart
without leave Otherwise they Shold be accountable for all the
Rations they used and not entitled to any pay for their Servises
Which was Communicated to the men by Captn.
Hicks who asented to Comply with the same I thought it the most
advisable step to take with these people who have very little knowledge
of military disciplin and knowing I had no Other alternitive to
Defend this place Ensign Greg and ten of his men are all the
Volunteers of Colo. ... of Lillards Regiment I am under Obligations
1238 to them for their Patriotic Spirit had they also abandoned this place
I shold been left with a people that Wold have had no sensibility 118

with but was Determined to Defend the fort under any Circumstance as long as I Cold – Coln. McColm Majr. Mayley Captain Minns and his Company of horse Came on from the Settlements not being in a circumstance to keep horse at this place I have thought it most for the publick Interest to Dismiss them as they wold not Continue Longer in Service then a Relief wold Come Shold the Report of Majr Bater be as favour able as I expect there Can be nothing don untill A nother Brigade of Waggons Come and men to Carry on boat Building as Coln. Lillards Regiment has taken Chiefly all the Waggons at this place to Convey the Sick and Bagage any further instructions you may Give will be Strictly attended to —

I have the Honour to Subscribe
My Self Your Obt. Sert.
Wm. Snodgrass Lt. Coln.

N.B. there is a Sick man left at this place of Coln. Wear Regiment who says that this is the Second time he has been Deserted once with you and now here I Shall have him taken to the Settlement as soon as I Can procure a horse to Carry him there and Shold Rejoice to se Officers Punished who are Gailty of Such ingratitude

Gallatin Jan. 16th 1814

Dear General,

I am sorry to inform you that causes over which I have no controul have rendered it impossible for me to return to camp as early as I intended, But a few days before I should have started I was attacked with a severe illness by which I have been confined to my bed ever since. But still I hope I shall be able to be on the road in a week, for I shall not delay a moment longer than the journey would be imminently dangerous to my life. In giving disagreeable intelligence I do perhaps an unthankful office, but it is a fact that the Volunteers who have returned to this quarter have excited such violent prejudices against your character, as will I fear be very difficult to remove. They are so outrageous that for contradicting a notorious lie, for the truth of which I was appealed to. I was compelled to a rencountre with one of the party. And the violent exertions of the affray has contributed. I believe to other causes in the production of my disease. I have found all my efforts ineffectual to raise the description of troops

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You required. In the possible event of my death I must request of You Sir, that you Will be so good as to see that my family receive what would be comeing to me from the Public

With Sentiments of
the greatest Respect
your Obt. Servt.

William White

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Major General Andrew Jackson
Commander in Chief
of the
Tenesee Troops
Creek Nation

Wm. White to
Genl Jackson
dated 16th Jany 1814
Recd 4th Feby 1814

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Major General Andrew Jackson
Commander in Chief
of the
Tennessee Troops
Creek Nation

Campbell Station Ten - Jany 19th 1814

Dear Genl.

I now take up my pen to write you a few lines presuming that when you observe the signiture [illegible] find that it is from an old friend - you will not [illegible]tate to give it a reading when you can find a [illegible] moment - I have heard with pleasure your [illegible]tary progress for some time past - and hope your farther exertions to promote your countries interest and defend her rights may be crowned with success - but while you are thus toiling and struggling in such laudable pursuits - you need not expect to escape the scruting malice and envy of hidden enemies no doubt such has, and probably may be about you acting behind the curtain endeavouring by their insinuation to blast your fame - but I hope your prudence good sence and fortitude will bear you through ever diffi=cally should you meet with any - and that you may shine as an ornament to your country - you have a [illegible]ber of warm friends in this part of the country no doubts, some of a contrary character -

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You will redily observe that these hints are givin you in confidence through friendship to put you on your guard

Please accept my best wishes for your health and prosperity

I am with high esteem
Your. Obt. Servt.
David Ca[illegible]

Genl. Andrew Jackson

David Campbell, date
Campbells Station, 16 Dec. 1814

You will redily observe that these hints are given you in confidence through friendship to put you on your guard

Please accept my best wishes for your health and prosperity

I am with high esteem
Your Obt. Servt.
David Campbell

Genl. Andrew Jackson

David Campbell, to AJ
Campbell's Station, 10 Dec. 1814

Mount Vernon 19th January 1814

I Certify that Joseph Rogers had per=mission to Build a small frame house on the Land belonging to the united States near the fort at Baton Rouge the house was Built of his own Materials and at his own expence and occupied by him as a Sutlers Store, it was understood at the time the Building was erected, that Mr Rogers might remove the Same at pleasure

Ferdinand L Claiborne
Brig. Genl Volunteers.

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I do Autherise Hans Morrison to Sell or Rent
My house in the Town of Baton Rouge
Mount Vernon Jany 13 1814

Jos J Rogers

~~Timothy Mountain~~

I do hereby authorise Sam'l Leavy to ~~sell~~ ~~rent~~
the within named house in Baton Rouge, La St
at what ever conditions he may think proper

March 30th 1814

Jos J Rogers

Kingston 2d Janurary 1814

Major General Andrew Jackson — Sir

I am at this place with three Companys of Mounted Infantry — one other is in Neadau and Will form a Juntion With me at the Lookout Mountain — I Ela have raisd a regiment — with ease had no dificalty been thrown in my way — Mounted Infantry is the only discription of Vallantiere Corps that Can be raisd hear — My force will be at Least 300 — Just as I am on the Eave of taking up my line of March Major General John Cock has pritty furnished me with an Arrest and Commanded my Lord this place me in an aukard Situation — My men is Lying hear and I was anxious to Move on & render any aid in my power for the Good of the Servis

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was there any time or place named where I could have — or hearing I could be able to determine what course to pursue — as I feared ignorant of the charge — as stated by the General — my present determination is to send on the men should I be prevented from going on myself as their commander — I shall accompany them to your fort in some capacity — I expect they will set out on tomorrow — proceed to the Lick out — & from thence — to your fort — I send you by Lt Tunnell a Knoxville Register in which you will see my plan of our going on my force — which I hope will meet your approbation — I here with inclose you a copy of the charges on which I am arrested — which I am ready to meet at any time and before any tribunal either in Heaven or on Earth — Lt Tunnell the bearer hereof is a man entitled to confidence to him I refer you for particulars as to military movements in this quarter — things appear in confusion

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of In[illegible]
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Mary the Vallianhorry and Diepting appear
at Interfran — Which I Suppose not the ... the
Cop lold things be Rightly understood
When I Leave the 2 Brouwad on to you
without Delay

I Am With Due Respect
Your Most obedient Humble
Servant

John V Brown Lt
Col Cmett

Major General

pr
Lt
Tunnell

Andrew Jackson Comdt
at Fort Strawther
Coosa river 10 Islands
Creek nation

Col. Brown, dated
Kingston, 21st Jany 1814

Major General

Pr Lieut Tunnell } Andrew Jackson Comdt
at Fort Strawther
Coosa River 10 Islands
Creek Nation

Col. Brown, [illegible]
Kingston, 21 Apl 1814

Kingston January 21th 1814

Dear General I am so far on my way With about 110 Mounted Volunteers for Six Months, And wish Your direction for the place of our destination, Ready for Any Route you may deem best So soon as you can furnish us with some arms You will please give direction by the bearer

I am Sir your obt Servt

Majr Genl

Andrew Jackson

John Chiles Capt

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Capt. Chiles, dated
Kingston, Jany 31st 1814

Kingston: January 21th 1814

Dear General I am so far on my way with about 110 Mounted Volunteers for 6 Months. and wishes your direction for the place of our destination Ready for any Route so soon as you Can furnish us with some arms. I wish you to give me directi-ons by the bearror &c I am sir your Obt. Svt.

Majr. Genl.
Andrew Jackson

John Chiles Capt.

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Capt. Childs, dated
Kingston, Jany 21st 1814

Resolutions of the Miss:
Legislature 21st Jan: 1814

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Resolved by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory in General assembly convened.

That the magnanimity, patriotism and promtitude displayed by the people of Tennessee in the measures they have adopted against the hostile Creeks, entitle them to the warmest acknowledgements of our Thanks and gratitude; and that a suitable Sword be provided at the expence of the Territory and presented under the direction of his Excellency the Governor to Major-General Andrew Jackson, as a testimonial of the high sense which the people of this Territory entertain of his services, and of his brave companions in arms.—

(Signed) Daniel Burnet
Speaker of the house of Representatives

Thomas Barnes
President of the Legislative Council

Approved 21. Jany. 1814

David Holmes
Governor of the Mississippi Territory

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Fort Strother 22d January 1814

Garrison Orders

Captain Garrett Lane commanding the
Company of Mounted Infantry from Hickman
County in the District of West Tennessee will
proceed, from this place, with his said Company
and such others as shall attach themselves to his
Command of the [illegible] now in this Garrison, on a
scouting excursion from hence to the Hillabatchee
Creek - from thence (after scouring the said Creek well)
he will proceed westwardly to the Coosa Mountain
and [illegible] that mountain around to the Road leading
to the deposit, and return to this place in three,
[illegible] four days. On this excursion it is ex-
-pected that the Captain will meet with a
party consisting of seven Indian fellows & several
women & children, the whole of suspicious charac-
-ter, these he will take as prisoners & bring to this
post - should the fellows attempt to escape, or
make battle, he will put them to death, saving
the women & children - He will also kill &
destroy any other Indian men he may find
West of the Coosa that resist, or attempt their
escape - Women & children are by no means to

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[illegible] or destroyed, [illegible] where they cannot be taken.

The Captain will endeavour to make discovery of all corn, potatoes &c. that is in the course of his route, take what is necessary for his men & horses, and bring to this place as much of the corn as he possibly can.

Should the Captain take any prisoners, he will detach a part of his command to this place with them without delay.

[illegible] Com.

Huntsville
Jany 29th 1814

Dear Genl.

Your communications of the 7th & 15th instant were recd on my arrival here this evening. I rejoice to hear of your movement, which I regret not being with you. Early on tomorrow morning I set out for Fort Hampton where I shall meet a part of my Regiment. Col. Perkins with a promptness that does him much honor, with some of his Madison militia relieved my troops at Fort Hampton. I have ordered Capt. Walker to proceed by forced marches with his company from Deposit to Fort Strother agreeable to your orders. I intend mounting a 6 pounder which is at Fort Hampton and taking it on with me to the nation. I expect to reinforce you with near 600 men, only about 180 of them have arms

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I shall rely on you for arms for the balance—So soon as I collect my troops at deposit I will visit Fort Strother—I have ordered three months provisions for my Regt. to be delivered at deposit—It is probable I shall have to rely in part on your Quarter Master for transportation. I am mortified to hear of Col Dellions conduct—It is disgraceful in the extreme—A petty coat ought to be presented to him—I congratulate myself on having reached this near you—I hope to participate with you in giving this winter which will put to the blush your Gov calumniatory—

With sincere respect
your friend

John Williams

Genl. Jackson

Genl. Andw. Jackson
Creek Nation
Mr. Parrish

Col. Williams, dated
Huntsville Jany 22d. 1814

Genl. Andw. Jackson

Creek Nation

Mr. Parrish

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Nashville Jany 23d. 1814

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose you the copy of an order+ issued by me on the 3d. Instant which has been carried into effect, in your necessary absence from the 2d. Division, Tenn. Militia, by Brigadier Genl. Thos. Johnson who will have the honor to hand you this, and who has my instructions of this date to report himself and detachment to you, to act under your command, and the direction of Major Genl. Thos. Pinckney. I have the honor to be very respectfully, and with great personal regard,

your Obt. Servant

Willie Blount

+ want of time to make you a copy of my order of the 3d. Instant must apologize for my sending you a printed copy at this time—

Major Genl. A. Jackson
U.S. Service
Creek Nation

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Gov Blount to
Genl Jackson 1814
dated 29th Dec. 1813

Recd Feby 1st 1814

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Nashville Jany 23d. 1814

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose you the copy of an order issued by me on the 3d. Instant which has been carried into effect, in your necessary absence from the 2d. Division Tenn. Militia, by Brigadier Genl. Thomas Johnson who will have the honor to hand you this, and who has my instructions of this date to report himself and Detachment to you, to act under your command, and the direction of Major Genl. Thomas Pinckney — I have the honor to be very respectfully, and with great personal regard,

your Obt. Servant

Willie Blount

Major Genl. A. Jackson
U. S. Service
Creek Nation

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Govr Blount to
Genl Jackson
dated Jany 23d 1814

Recd Feby 1st 1814

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Nashville Jany 23d. 1814

Sir,

Inclosed I send you the copy of a requisition for Troops just recd. from Brigadier Genl. Tho. Flournoy dated 27th Decr., together with a copy of an extract from a letter Secy War to him, of the 29th Octr. last, which extract is in substance the same of the Secy's letter to me, recd. some time since, a copy of which, I forwarded to you shortly after the receipt — I also send you an extract from a letter, Genl. Cocke to me, dated 10th Instant, and a copy of his order of the 24th Decr. last, with a copy of mine to him in reply thereto, of the 21st Instant, on the subject of force from the 1st Division of Tenn. Militia, to act in the United States service against the Creeks, 1500 of whom I consider as intended to fill the requisition made by the Secy War, on me, in July last — I presume from the time appointed for their rendezvous, that they are now or very soon will be with you; when they shall have formed a junction with you (which if they have not done so as yet, you will without loss of time require them to do) you will without ~~loss~~ delay fill, out of that description of force, the requisition now made by Brigadier Genl. Tho. Flournoy as nearly as may be in conformity to his wishes; and you will order said detachment so selected therefrom to march by such route as you shall judge best for safety and expedition to Mobile, with instructions to the officer appointed or selected to command, ~~then~~ on his arrival at Mobile to report himself and detachment to Lieut. Col. Bowyer commanding the United States troops there, and act under his order —

I presume this course will prove to be an acceptable one to Major Genl. Pinckney; as to wait his formal order for a compliance with the requisition might possibly be productive of unacceptable delay — I

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shall by mail transmit a copy of this to the Secy War, to Major Genl. Pinckney and to Brigadier Genl. Flournoy — I have the honor to be very respectfully,

your Obt. Servant

Willie Blount

Major Genl. A. Jackson

U.S. Service

Creek Nation

Gov. Blount
dated Jany 23d 1814

Recd Feby 1st 1814

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Nashville Jany 23d. 1814

Sir,

You will in the shortest practicable time consistent with the good of the service after your arrival at the place appointed for the rendezvous of the Troops under your command proceed by detachments or otherwise via Fort Deposit to the Ten Islands of Coosa (Fort Strother) or to such other place in the Creek Country as Major Genl. A. Jackson may be at, and report yourself and Detachment to him, and act under his orders; in the mean time, you will keep him well advised of your movements and intermediate positions — The most entire confidence is reposed in your promptitude and ability, as well as in your detachment to promote the good of the service, and to effect the objects of the campaign; and in a manner reputable to the State, and to yourselves, and beneficially to our common country — I have the honor to be very respectfully,

Your Obt. Servant

Willie Blount

Brigadier Genl. Tho. Johnson
U. S. Service
Nashville

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Gov.r Blount to
Genl. Johnson
dated 23d Decr. 1813

Recd. Feby 1st 1814

White Plaines Tennessee 23rd Fby 1814

Dear Genl. I this day got home
From Fort Deposit and Should not
have left there had there been any
Amney gard sent on there for to
Take the Command from me
at That post I Shale raise a
Company in as Short atime as
Possable and Join the army againe
and hope you do not think hard
of my Coming home from that
Place you will pleas to in
Form me as soon as posiable Whether
I Shall Come on with A

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Campaney or not I can get one
I am a very short time, and

I am &c. yours &c.

Wm Lawis
Lieut. 1st R. J. M.

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Mr Harris to Genl
Jackson dated Jany 23
1814 Recd Feby 16th 1814

Portage paid by B. Cox

White Plains Ten }
January 23d 1814 } (17)

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

White Plains Ten
January 23rd 1814 } (17)

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Postage paid by ... Coo

Jackson dated Jany 23
1814 Recd Feby 16th 1814

Washington 23.rd Jany. 1814

Dr. Sir

Be pleased to make the following statement to Genl. Jackson — I have reached home this day — have accompanied Col. Lillards Regt. thus far — have lost none by sickness since the Regt. left him — have by this days mail reported myself to Genl. Cocke including seven sick who, I keep with me at this place, as being unable to proceed further — have seen in baggage waggons Thos. I. Vandyke Surgeon

Col. Jno. Brown —

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Doctor Vandyke to
Col. Jno. Brown
23d Jany 1814

Colo. Brown
Washington

Jan. 24. 1814

Dear Gen[l]

any address from you will be honourably rec[eive]d from a Friend a Soldier and an officer by the next mail I will gather every information relative to the Western & Sou[thern] [?] If such should meet your approba[tion] a Communication will be gratifying to your Ancient Friend that is not frightened at your Enemy [?]

Jos H. Conn[illegible]

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Cairo Camp 21th 1814

Dear Sir

Agreeable to your Order directed to John K Wynne then Commanding the 2 Brigade in the absence of B. Genl Isaac Roberts was transferd to me and the 5th of Jany and agreeable to that Order the Tenor thereof was filed

On my arrival home and to my great surprise finding [illegible] Citizens who then Originated as Meddling Citizens who then Originated from was through exertions Originated from was through you making every industry to bring you as low as the dust of the earth in the eyes of your most Respectable friends finding that the Case I hath made use of my best endeavours both act & word to bear against there assertions which I will do for the Benefit of a Citizen a Right have a Valuable officer

Sir I am acqua[inted] with you your Talents likewise you will never hear of my abandoning your respect if should be the Case that Information is given you on that Occasion pay no attention thereto I will write you more fully hereafter as I am in great hurry

yours with high esteem

Robt Conn

Maj. Jo. H. Conn
To Genl Jackson
1814

Postage paid by B. Cox

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Jany. 24th 1814

Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson
Creek Nation
Fort Strother

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Aug. 24th 1814

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Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson
Creek Nation
Fort Strother

Postage paid by B. Corr

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To Genl Jackson

Maj Jo. H. Conn

Camp Hull 24 Miles from Hoethlewaulee
January 24th 1814

Major Genl. Jackson

Sir

I arrived at this place on the 20th Inst. and agreeable to the direction of General Pinckney, have Caused an Entrenched Camp to be thrown up, which will be garrisoned by One hundred men, which Completes our Chain of posts from the frontier of Georgia, My object is to attack the Main body of the Enemy which I am informed are at Hoethlewaulee, for which purpose the army would have Marched to day, but for incessant Rain.

I wrote to you on the 2nd Inst in reply to your letter of the 27th Ulto, to which I have received no Reply Except thro' Genl Pinckney, who it appears received a Communication from you dated in the early part of the present Month.

As the term of Service of the Georgia State Troops will Expire on the 25th of February, I deem it all important that a decisive blow Should be struck, and if Circumstances will permit you to Second my Exertions, I think the Enemy will be destroyed in a Short time. You will therefore be pleased to inform me of your present position and Views in order that I may Calculate Accordingly.

On the Evening of the day of my arrival here 146

I sent

Major General

Andrew Jackson

Rec.d Aug. [illegible]

Fort Charlotte, Aug 22. 1814

Major General

Andrew Jackson

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Nashville Jany 25th 1814

Dear Sir,

Since my last of the 3d or 4th Instant by Express sent to advise you that I had ordered out from the 2d Division 2500 men to join you I have recd. two letters from you in the latter of which you advised me of your intention to make a movement & verbal report since informs us that on the 15th you did move — I am very desirous to learn the result of that movement, tho' my confidence in you is so full as to induce me to believe that you can and will obtain victory whensoever you may fight against any force you may have to contend with — So far as I have information from any part of the State the Militia now called out both from the 1st & 2d Division turn out most promptly and cheerfully, and as there is reason to hope and believe that you will be well supplied I feel satisfied that in less than three months you will have overrun and conquered the Creek Country — Col. W. P. Anderson says that the Kentuckians and all others whom he has travelled between this & Fort George on Niagara are astonished to find that the Tennessee Troops kill so many Indians in their Battles — It is occasioned by your knowing how to do it, that is all — The Troops now going out being called wholly of the organized Militia I trust their organization will be complete & I trust also that they will act harmoniously and with proper effect — I send you a letter this day recd. from the War Dept. with a Note by me on it apologizing for breaking the seal — I felt much mortified when I discovered the mistake I had made — I broke the seal before I looked at the address & closed it immediately without reading or in fact opening it — this error I ask your forgiveness for — I also forward to you a letter from Genl. Pinckney which is

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66 a duplicate of the one you had recd. before of which you advised me in your last inclosing one from him to me a duplicate of which I have recd. from him and have informed him that 5000 men from this State are on their march to join you — would it not be well to build a very good and substantial Garrison at or near the Falls of Coosa, at the Hickory Ground, or at the junction of Coosa & Tallapoosas. selecting the most eligible spot of the three places therefor having a view to future use and convenience for Tennesseans — Genl. Pinckney says that it is indispensible that you should get your supplies by water from the State of Tennessee and that you think it impracticable for them to be afforded down Coosa — give me your idea of the most eligible route & point out the places of Deposit that I may assist as much as I can in causing plentiful supplies to get to you, nothing else is wanted to enable you to effect the objects of the Campaign quickly — nothing but the want of regular and plentiful supplies prevented you from an accomplishment of them long since — Judge White who is just from Et. Tenn. says that the Contractor is very industrious about supplies — he has recd. from the War Dept. $100.000 to afford them — Col. Williams is on his way to you — Genl. Claiborne has had a brush with the Indians on Alabama — he killed 30 warriors — burned two towns consisting of 200 Houses — destroyed 1 a 2000 bushels of corn and much other property — he routed and dispersed them — he lost 1 man killed & 6 wounded — he took a great many scalps that were taken at Ft. Mims & found a letter from the Governor at Pensacola to the Indians congratulating them upon their success over their enemies meaning at the attack on Ft. Mims &c &c. I will send you a copy of his letter — Genl. McClure has burned Ft. George and Newark and recrossed the river — the British have burned Lewistown, Manchester,

and Buffaloe and were proceeding to burn our Fleet at Erie – they have taken Ft. Niagara & put our Troops there to the Sword – the editor of the Reporter says by this day's mail here on the back of the cover of one of his papers that the Militia of Newyork have taken the british army before they got to our Fleet at Erie – There is at Washington City an arrival of the bearer of a dis-patch from the British Government supposed to be of a pacific nature & rumor says that Rufus King is appointed Minister to London – it is said and believed at Washington that Bonaparte has been beaten & narrowly escaped being taken himself – this wants confirmation – It is late at night – I saw Col. Hays to day who informed me that Mrs. Jackson was well – Fletcher was married a few days ago to Miss Talbott daughter of Thomas – May the God of Battles be with you all the war & happiness be your lot always – I am told that the Kentucky legislature have unanimously recommended Adair to the President for a General officer in the army of the U.S. – he would make an excellent one in my opinion – I am very sincerely,

yours

Willie Blount

Major Genl. A. Jackson
U.S. Service
Creek Nation

Govr. Blount to
Genl Jackson
dated 25th Jany 1814

recd Feby 1st 1814

Fort Strother 25th Jany 1814

Garrison Orders

The Commandant is much surprised to find that the orders so repeatedly issued by the Commanding General against shooting without a special written permission, is so often, and shamefully violated since his departure from this place — he therefore is sensible of the absolute necessity of taking efficient measures to suppress this unwarrantable & dangerous practice, by declaring to the Officers, Non Commissioned Officers, Privates and persons of all descriptions in and about this Garrison that he will, by all means in his power, have apprehended and brought to punishment any, and every of the above described Officers, soldiers & others who shall be seen, known or discovered to have discharged his gun or pistol, without a written permission from the Commandant at this Post, except in cases requiring such discharge, in the execution of the duties of such Officer, soldier or person so discharging the same.

The Commandant expressly orders and directs all Commissioned & Non Commissioned Officers, and all privates belonging, or attached to this Garrison, or that shall be encamped in the vicinity thereof to be aiding & assisting in discovering, apprehending and confining for punishment all persons of any description who shall presume to violate the above order, as they shall, severally, answer for their neglect as an act of disobedience thereof.

Ho. Tatum Maj. Comdt.

Lt. Strother

Garrison Order

25th Jany 1814

Nashville Jany 26th 1814

Dear Genl

We are in daily expectation of a messenger from camp, communicating the plea-sing intelligence of an other brilliant victory over the enemy; this expectation is predicated upon a letter from camp, stating that you had taken up the line of march on the 15th Inst for the confluence of the Coosa & Talapoosa Rivers.

I have nothing very interesting to communi-cate, except the information rec.d here of a vessel having arrived from England with a flag of truce, as it is supposed. We have also learned (by report only) that Rufus King has been nomi-nated as minister plenipotentiary to the Court of St. James — the correctness of this latter information I cannot however vouch for: but have no doubt but a flag has been dispatched from England to this country, and that, that flag has arri-ved.

The Governor has at length ordered a

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new draft of militia of 2500 men from this end
of the state. It is to be regretted that this had not
been done earlier, as it would enabled you to have
advanced much earlier, and with without the
least danger of retrograding. I am apprehensive if
you march to the Hickory grounds, you will not be
able to maintain that ground, with your present force
unless the Georgians form a junction with you,
as it would be necessary to detach a large proporti
=on of your force, to convoy your provisions &c.

The Volunteers have been doing every thing
in their power since their return to injure you and
Genl. Coffee; but the injury which they wish to in
=flict on you will recoil with tenfold vengeance
on their own heads — they have but succeded to a mea
I fear, in lessing Genl. Coffee in the estimation of his
fellow citizens. I am authorised to say from the
best authority that you stand as high here in the
estimation of the intelligent part of the community
as you ever did, and ten times higher in the East
end of the state than at any former period. It
seems that the White and Cocke connection has
dissolved, and that Genl. Cocke has gone to
the wall. I have seen some merchants
of Nashville just returned from Pittsburg, who say

that Genl Jackson and his Tennessee volunteers were the theme of public and private conversation; — that in that Country the Kentuckians were completely put in the back ground by the Tennes=seeans — what a pity the volunteers should have disgraced themselves after acquiring im=mortal honors! — I would recommend those officers who reported themselves in the service of their Country, to form themselves into a Company, choose their officers, and join your army and continue in the service until the objects of the expedition shall be accomplished. if they will do this, they will immortalize themselves; — Capt. Baskerville, the bearer of these dispatches, is willing to serve in that capacity. I have not time to say any thing more, as Capt Baskerville is becoming quite impatient — give my respects to Reid and Capt Strother and the rest of my friends.

and believe yours

unfeignedly

W. B. Lewis

P.S. If the volunteers should make any publications in justification of themselves, I should like to be put in possession of the whole of the information relative to the

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Private
W.B. Lewis
26th Jany 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother
Creek Nation

Capt. B. Perkins

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Capt. J Baskinville

Creek Nation

Private

W.B. Lewis

26th Jany 1814

Camp Tooti Massatabbi East [illegible]
Black Warrior 80 miles above [illegible] with
the Tombigby Jany 26. 1814

Dear General,

On the 9th Instant I left Mr Pitchlynns to join the Choctaws for the purpose [of] demolishing a fort near this place. On the 21 we encamped on the opposite side of the river. On the 22nd encamped at this place we found the fort abandoned. their corn and hogs have served us for provision since. On the 23rd a few men about fifteen who had crossed the river to bring over their horses with Mr Pitchlynn and his son John were fired upon by a party of Creeks and rebel Choctaws consisting of about sixty. from the scattered situation of Mr P's little party there were not more than ten engaged - they supported this unequal contest with a courage and judgement that on a larger scale would have immortalized them - two halfbreeds Danl McCurtain & Charles Durant were wounded and brought off the field neither of them in danger - A party ran down on this side and commenced firing across the river which was returned by which one of our warriors was badly I fear mortally wounded in the thigh - as soon as a party crossed the river to the relief of this little band the enemy retreated taking off about 28 horses - from the sign on the ground and on their trail it is pretty certain they dragg'd one dead body into the river and carried off another on horse back and from appearances at their camp there is no doubt but three were wounded - We have burned the fort and all the houses and huts in the neighborhood on both sides of the river more than fourty - The enemy have shewn no disposition to give us battle and have retreated to hiding places beyond the reach of our scouts - The

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The in[illegible] season with the nakedness of these faithful Choc[illegible] return and leave it to such small parties of young warriors as choose to pursue their own mode of warfare against them in the forest. We will return down the west side of the river and if we find the enemy in force at any point we will attack them and it is believed their principal force if collected any where is below us. We were joined yesterday by about 160 Choctaws and 100 Chickasaws but without provision and our resources are exhausted here. The two Great Medal Chiefs Toote Mapatabbe of the N. Eastern District and Puckshunabbe of the Upper town district are with me and have conducted worthy of their stations. The other Great Medal Chief Pooshamataha was with Genl. Claiborne, but his Lieutenant Choctaw Estanucke is here and I never saw an indian in whom I have more confidence indeed they have all surpassed my expectation and I have only to regret for their sakes that they had not an opportunity of meeting the enemy on equal terms for the[illegible] they would have made a gallant fight. For heavens sake my Dear General aid in procuring for these people a sufficient supply of arms and ammunition and clothing. And if the Muscogees are forced to peace dont forget these people in the treaty

Mr. Noah Wall with Mr. ~~[illegible]~~ David Folsom are engaged to carry this to you relying that you will reward them liberally for their labor and [illegible] they can give you such particulars as I may have omitted in the hurry of an indian camp. Yours most sincerely

John McKee

His Excelly
Major Genl. Jackson.

P.S. Toote Mapatabbe in presence of the other [illegible] requests me to inform you that if cloathing arms & ammuni[illegible] could be furnished he would at any time find 500 Warriors to aid you but my opinion is that without cloathing they could not be long out at this season.

J. McKee

Colo McKee to
Genl Jackson
dated 26th Jany 1814
Recd Feby 2nd 1814.

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James, Mitchell
January 26th 1814

Majr Genl Andrew Jackson

On a March

Majr Clark

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Rossville January 26th 1814

Genl Jackson

Sir on yesterday I arrived here from East
Tennessee while I was there I was at Barclay McGhee Esqrs
and found that he had written contracts for eleven
hundred Barrels of flour & & twenty five hundred Barrels
of Corn Meal & 72 barrels of meal will be here to day another
Boat load in three or four days all to be delivered by the
first of March Capt. Bray I understood had purchased
about three hundred Barrels of flour Mr Waddy two
hundred & myself between three & four hundred Barrels
of flour & a Boat load of Corn Meal I could have
bought ten thousand Barrels of Kiln dryed Corn Meal
but thought best to postpone it untill I saw what progress
was making about Huntsville, Mr McGhee was likewise
[illegible] about five hundred head of Hogs from that end
[illegible] State and two or three hundred more purchased
in West Tennessee and are I expect about Fort
Deposit about this time I am now on my way to
Huntsville from that I shall come to head Quarters
large quantity of whisky & other articles are purchased
Mr McGhee says he will use every possible means
he can to forward provisions which I am confident
is the case, Mr John McGhee is with me & we will
go on to head Quarters together, on our way to this place
we passed ten miles on the other side of West point about
One thousand of the East Tennessee Troops this was on Friday
and on saturday we passed about five or six hundred
near Highwassee the ballance are collecting some coming
in Boats &c while I was in Knoxville I saw Genl
Cocke and asked him when he would march

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He said not until he was ordered and I understood that he had sent an express to you to ascertain whether you wanted him or not, two or three days before I got to Knoxville Genl. Cocke had ordered Majr. Meredith B, Quartermaster to purchase Breadstuff Majr. Meredith appointed another Quartermaster & they started the Majr. Bought six hundred Barrels at twelve Dollars and the other Mr. Dean bought four hundred Barrels on the same day and of the same flour at fifteen dollars this purchase was made of Massingale or of two of them, and at a time when every exertion was making with the Contractors Colo. Williams men just about recieving three Months supply for the whole Regt. the Genl. was asked the Reason of the purchase he answered, that he was not to blame but we might blame Genl. Jackson as he had only complyed with his orders, before I left Town I was favoured with a perusal of what was said to be the order, but perhaps weakness and interest would not let me construe it into an order, only through Majr. James Baxter who has the power to purchase. Colo. Williams Troops are now passing here for Fort Deposit I find that Genl. Pinkney has made a requisition of Mr. McGhee for three months supply of provision for all the Tennessee Troops. to be furnished at this place as soon as possible. some men of the best standing in Knoxville talk very hard of the purchase made by Mr. Meredith, Majr. James Baxter says he knew nothing of the of purchase neither has he given any order what ever

Messrs Baxter will not receive the flour if the Contract can do without it which they are shewn to do ——

I am sorry Gent to hear of your having to March against an Enemy with so few Men but with all my soul hope for the accomplishment of whatever you undertake,

Yours with a sentiment of due respect
James O'Hara

Head Quarters
Sixth & Seventh
District } Milledgeville 28th January 1814

Sir,

General Floyd moved from Fort Mitchell near Cowetau on the Chatahouchie on the 18th of this Month to=wards the old Tookabatchie Town in the bend of the Talapoosa; this Town is 45 miles distant from Fort Mitchell and 25 above the confluence of this River with the Coosa: his force consists of between 14 and 15 hundred of the Georgia State Troops and 500 friendly Creek Indians. As he will intrench an intermediate post on his route & establish another to secure the passage of the river, I think it pro=bable he will not commence his operations with the Forks until the end of this or first of the next Month, and after leaving small garrisons in the intermediate posts his force may be reduced to 1200 white and 500 red Warriors. The principal force of the Enemy is said to be at Hoithlewaulee about 9 miles lower down the Talapoosa than the Tookabatchie Old Town; if he shall succeed in defeating these he will then proceed to destroy all the Towns within striking distance of the Talapoosa.

The Refugee settlement on the Talapoosa is the only point at which we are informed of any other collection of hostile Indians below the Tallassee, it is hoped Genl Floyd

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Floyd will be able to destroy or disperse them, and if circumstances would admit of your uniting the Enemy said to be collected at the Fish Traps or Coosa Village the War must I think, speedily terminate.—

Having now sent off supplies sufficient to last Genl Floyds Army for the remainder of their Term of Service I shall be able in three Weeks from this time to place on the Talapoosa sufficient provisions to support your De-tachment [provided it shall not exceed fifteen hun-dred Men] for 10 days or a fortnight, and from that time we can keep up the supply from this State. if therefore your march is retarded for want of provisions, and you can collect sufficient to supply your Troops during their operations in advancing to the confluence of the Rivers you need not prepare supplies sufficient to maintain your Detachment on their return,—but it is essential that you should give me immediate information of your force and intentions, that adequate preparations may be made.—

The expediency of a plan, of the nature of that contained in the separate letter herewith, for more ex-peditious communication must be evident; the ignorance in which each detachment of the Army is kept of the situation & intentions of the other, renders Measures of all

all hope of co-operation; and if we had a more
skillful Enemy to oppose must prove fatal. I have
not received from Governor Blount an answer to the
several letters I have written to him, nor do I know
whether Col: Williams with the 39th U.S. Infantry, the
Rangers or any of the Quota of Militia of Tennessee
have joined you or are on their march for that purpose;
I will be obliged by you Sir, to inform me fully by return of this
Express on these subjects, and furnish him with whatever
may be necessary to accelerate his return.—

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.—

Thomas Pinckney

— Major Genl Jackson.—

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with hope of co-operation with if we had a more
[illegible] Body to effect our [illegible] — Have
not received from Governor Blount an answer to the
second letter I have written to him, nor do I know
whether Col. Williams with the 39th Reg. Infantry, the
Troops or any of the Levies of Militia of Tennessee
have yet [illegible] or are on their march for that purpose
[illegible] to inform you [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] towards [illegible]
[illegible] to accelerate his return —
I have the honor to be very respectfully
Sir
Your most obedient Servant
Thomas Pinckney

[illegible]

Major Genl Jackson —

Genl Pinckney
to
Genl Jackson
dated Janry 26th 1814
Recd Febry 4th 8 Oclock at
night 1814

Head Quarters
Sixth & Seventh } Milledgeville 28th January 1814.—
Districts — —

Sir, The difficulty and delay of communicating information between the two Corps now employed in this expedition make it necessary that more accelerated conveyance for our dispatches should be provided: you will therefore be pleased to station a chain of Dragoons or mounted Infantry at intervals of from 35 to 40 miles from your Head Quarters wherever they may be to the Hightower (Elowah) village, which is stated to be 35 miles above the confluence of the Hightower (Elowah) and the Estenaury (Oostenaulah). A similar chain shall be extended by the Troops in this Quarter from my Head Quarters to the Standing Peach Tree near the shallow Ford on the Chatahouchie — from the shallow Ford to Elowah Village is said to be from 35 to 40 miles, through which if there be no direct path, Major Bourke the United States Quarter Master who is now stationed at the Standing Peach Tree for the purpose of equipping boats to convey provisions down the Chatahouchie, will have one immediately cut.—

Two Dragoons should be posted at each station to guard against ~~sickness~~ or inability of Man or Horse; these

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they should be instructed to make themselves well ac=
=quainted with the road they have to pass, so as to be able
to travel it by night as well as by day, and strictly or=
=dered to proceed with dispatches immediately as received,
whether it be day or night: they should respectively take
receipts on delivery of their dispatches in which the hour
of delivery should be specified. — By this mode it is
probable that by properly stationing 8 or 10 Dragoons from
each Army intelligence may be conveyed in less than
half the time that is now occupied therein. —

You will please to inform me by the return of the
Bearer hereof whether there be any insuperable objec=
=tions with which I may be unacquainted, to the execution
of this mode of communication, and if not you will please
to proceed to put it in operation by stationing your Dra-
-goons and directing those at your last post at High=
=tower Village to deliver such dispatches as they may
receive at the Post near the standing Peach Tree. You
will then by this mode, please to keep me informed of
every occurrence of importance in the Army you command,
and at all events make to me a weekly communication.

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Your Most Obedient Servant.
Thomas Pinckney

Majr Genl Jackson

Genl. Pinckney To
Genl. Jackson dated
Milledgeville Jany 26th. 1814

Recd. Feby 4th. 1814

Sixty days after date I promise to pay James Jackson
or order at the Nashville Bank, seven hundred and fifty
four Dollars, value received - Witness my hand and
seal January 26th 1814

Andrew Jackson (Seal)

by

James Jackson his Atty
in fact

Credit the drawer
James Jackson

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Dr

James Jackson

No. 261
Jackson
$750 —
[illegible]

No. 261

M. Jackson

$ 750 —

due 27/30 March 1814.

Anne Jackson

Camp Defiance 48 miles of Chatahochee
January 27th 1814

Major General Pinckney

Sir, I have the honor to acquaint your Excellency that this morning at 20 minutes after 5 o'clock a very large body of the hostile Indians made a desperate attack upon the army under my command. They stole upon the centinels, fired on them and with great impetuosity rushed upon our lines. In twenty minutes the action became general and our front, right and left flanks were closely pressed; but the brave and gallant conduct of the officers and the firmness of the men repelled them at every point. The steady firmness and incessant fire of Captain Thomas's artillery and Capt. Adams's rifle men preserved our front line; both of these companies suffered greatly. The enemy rushed within thirty yards of the artillery. Captain Broadnax who commanded one of the picket guards maintained his post with great bravery until the enemy gained his rear and then cut his way through them to the army. On this occasion Timpoochee Barnard at the head of the Uchees distinguished himself and contributed to the retreat of the picket guard; the other friendly Indians took refuge within our lines & remained inactive with the exception of a few who joined our ranks. As soon as it became light enough to distinguish objects, I ordered Majors Watson's & Freeman's battalions to wheel at right angles with Booth's & Cleveland's battalions which formed the right flank. Captain Duke Hamilton of the dragoons who joined me but the day before was ordered to form in the rear of the right wing, the order for the charge was promptly obeyed and the enemy fled in every direction before the bayonet. The signal was given for the charge of the cavalry who pursued and sabred fifteen of the enemy.

Colonel Newnan received three balls in the commencement of the action which deprived me of the services of that gallant and useful officer. The assistant adjutant General Harden was indefatigable in the discharge of his duty & rendered important services; his horse was wounded under him. The whole of the staff was prompt and discharged their duty with courage & fidelity. The vigilance and intrepidity of

the officers and the firmness of these men merit my approbation and deserve the praise of their Country.

I have to regret the deaths of many of my brave fellows who have found honorable graves in the voluntary support of their Country's Rights.

My aid-de-Camp in executing my orders had his horse killed under him. Genl Lee and Maj. Pace who acted as additional aids rendered me essential services with honor to themselves and usefulness to their Country. Your waggon horse and several others were killed and two of the Artillery horses wounded.

Our loss was seventeen killed one hundred and thirty two wounded of whom four have since died; among the latter was the intrepid & patriotic Capt Butts, in whose death his friends & his Country have sustained an irreparable loss. Of the enemy, thirty seven were found dead on the field and twelve the next day deposited in the neighbouring swamps; but from the number of war clubs left on the battle ground, head dresses & trails of blood, their slain must have been very considerable. This certainly much less in consequence of their having assumed the dress, yells & whoops of the friendly indians, by which the fire of a whole battalion within point blank shot was for several minutes withheld. The friendly indians so far from rendering any service during the engagement, took advantage of the mens absence from their quarters & nearly stripped some companies of their blankets and provisions, which they before day break carried off and have not been in Camp since.

I have the honor to be Very Respectfully

Your Mo. Ob. Servt

Jno Floyd B.G.

P.S. the above is the most interesting part of the Official Report made to Genl. Pinckney

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[Fort] Strother headquarters
January 28th 1814

My Love

on last evening I returned to
this place, from an excursion against the Hostile creeks
who I had been advised was collected, in an [illegible] and fortif-
-ied camp on the Tallapoosa river, near the mouth of
a creek called Emuckfau — there they discovered my
approach, and attacked me in my camp at 6 oclock
a.m. on the morning of the 22nd instant after beating
[illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] the forts of Genl Woods
[illegible] on that day 12 [illegible] I was prepared and my
troops the [illegible] met them with a ferocious attack
with firmness and undaunted resolution — the
Brave Coffee, Carroll, and [illegible] flew to the point
of attack encouraged the brave men who was
[illegible] bravely encouraged by [illegible] Col. Higgins
who commanded them — The Battle raged, untill
it was sufficiently light to discover & distinguish our
enemies from our friends — when I was informed
that that part of the line where the battle waxed hottest
was very much [illegible] being many wounded, I
immediately ordered the only reserve I had Capt Ferrell
commanding about forty now on footing to repair
to the spot — they were led briskly by Col. Carroll
to the weak point and Genl Coffee ordered out
Col. on the charge, with Cols. Carroll & Higgins
the enemy gave way at all points, the friendly
Indians entered the pursuit which was continued
about two miles in which was slain and counted
twenty four Indians enemies — on from the present was
[illegible] on examining I found we had four killed and several wounded

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It was impossible to move forward immediately, my wounded could
not be left exposed, I ordered Genl Coffee with four hundred
white men, and about three hundred friendly Indians to
proceed to their encampment and burn it if it could
be effected without too much hazard but if fortified
not to attempt it, untill the artilery could be brought
up — he proceeded without delay, explored the encamp
=ment, found it fortified, and immediately advised
me thereof, and returned to guard the artilery up — this
was a providential movement, for he had not returned
more than half an hour when the enemy approached
me on the right fired on some of Capt Gordons com
=pany who was out looking for an Indian they
[illegible] the night before had that, Genl Coffee
came to me and asked for 200 men to go round
and attack them, the order was giving but in
stead of 200, not more than fifty ^went^ men, chiefly com
posed of his old officers, Capt. Hammonds com
=pany Capt. Russle and a few of his spies, Capt
Elliott and a few of his company, Capt Mann and
a few of his ^of this I knew nothing untill after the Battle^ as soon as the engagement commen
=ced, I endeavoured to reinforce the Genl with 150 in
[illegible] and whilst in the act I found it was intended
as a feint to draw my attention to that point
when they intended to attack my left on
the adverse flank — but before this could be done
I was prepared to receive them — my officers & men
red them again with stubborn firmness, returned
their fire, immediately charged, and broke they
enemy, which was pursued a second time one mile
and a half with slaughter twenty three being killed
by the whites — as soon as the prisoners returned and my

lines closed I ordered [illegible] with part of the friendly creeks
with one hundred and fifty of their warriors to aid Genl
Coffee he charged, as soon as he found the General
a charge was made by the whites broke the Indians
pursuit made, and they enemy entirely routed, the
slain of the enemy by the whites amounted at from
forty five to fifty on our side there was four
killed & several wounded, amongst the killed
Major Alexander Donelson Genl Coffee was [illegible] in all the battle
was our friend and bravely fell
bravely fought and bravely who went out and fought with
Spotted [illegible] died, who both officers and men
the general [illegible] that affair both off in these three affairs
faithfully did their duty — in [illegible] my horses starving
my wounded was so [illegible] to be power
began the time
my force in [illegible] but determined my march
through I would not [illegible] and commenced my march
of the 23rd I had
to prepare my litters and the morning of
for this place on the litters my march was
twenty three [illegible] expected another attack
[illegible] I wished to avoid an attack
I had a [illegible] to fifty and an encampment for the
There, I [illegible] safety the necessary precaution
night [illegible] taken against a night attack
to secure my camp and from the scouts I
the night [illegible] to prevent
expected an attack in the morning [illegible] over
the enemy from [illegible] a large creek called Enotachopco
the whole [illegible] to be cut, over it to avoid an
I ordered a new [illegible] the enemy after me
ambuscade, and to draw [illegible] slaughter the whole
1157 a piece of ground that I could — of them —

all things cautiously prepared, every arrangement
made for the protection of front flanks & rear
I took up the line of march on the morning of the
24th approached the creek the advance crossing and
the advance of the flank columns without interruption
the sick in the center had also passed and whilst, the last
artillery was advancing up the bank, the alarm gun was
fired I felt rejoiced, the ground was of my own choosing and
I knew if the men would stand and fight I would
destroy every nine out of ten of the enemy — I had con
=fidence in the rear guard — who was commanded by
Col. Perkins & Stump with whom I had left the
brave Col. Carroll to superintend the order of the
rear, my little Spartan band the guards and ordered
at the time of the alarm was about to descend the
bank of the creek with Capt. Russells militia com
=pany who I had placed on the rear to protect the rear
and support the rear in case of an attack, the
guards was commanded by Lt. Armstrong in the
absence of Capt Deaderick who had been for some
time confined to his bed with an inflammation —
on the alarm gun being fired Lt. Armstrong with
his wonted bravery ordered the guards to form un-
harness the artillery, before this could be effected
the right & left columns of the rear guard with part
of the centre, broke like Bullocks with their
Cols. at their head on centre rushed precipitately
forwarded, crossed the left column plunged down
the bank of the creek, with their Col. at their head
through several of the guards into the creek, rushed forward
for the centre throwing every thing into confusion
I met this column on the bank of the creek, my
solicitations were harsh my orders peremptory [illegible]

advance to the aid and protection of the brave who had
halted with the brave guard and in stopping the overwhelming
hosts of Indians that they were bravely advancing to
meet, but all in vain — I attempted to draw
my sword, it had become hard to draw, and in the
attempt I had like to have broke my left arm
or I should have halted the fugitives — the right
column fled [illegible] the right column, and got
into the advance of the line of march, which was
then the rear of the Battle — Col. Carrol had halted
about 25 of the centre column and the brave
artilerists in advance of their order advanced in
a most galling fire in the face of the enemy
to the top of the hill where they poured upon the
enemy a tremendous fire — whilst the brave Lt
with five or six men were dragging the artilery
to the top of the hill — it was then I felt my heart
bled for those brave men — I had desired a portion
but in vain they were obliged to conquer or die
the common fort[illegible] — the musquets roared, and the
riflemen amongst whom was [illegible] with Carrol
at their head did their duty — the common word
again this portion bravely charged and broke the
enemy by this time I had a few brave men
across the creek, they with the Indians formed
in the pursuit — Col. William Coc[illegible] 65 years
old had advanced to the front and formed in the
cheering [illegible] who was in front at the head
a Capt. Gordon of the spies rushed to the fight and
of the head of the spies rushed
entered into the pursuit, which was continued for two &
a half miles with considerable slaughter. Capt. Russel of the
1158 spies who was in the rear says there were upwards of 500
Indians in killed in the

the first of the action they carried off all their dead & wounded
there were twenty five found dead on the field
and I have no doubt but as many more has been actually
killed on the field of battle by the water and [illegible]
Indians, two [illegible] and had it not have been for
the cowardly conduct of these two officers (for the men
were brave if the officers had shewn the example) I should
have killed the most of these [illegible] without half
the loss I sustained — these men [illegible] under an arrest
before a court martial — they ought to be shot they
were the cause of the death of several brave men in
this last affair we lost four killed and several woun-
-ded, one of whom is since dead — this last was a
signal victory over them, they left all their packs
and was never heard of more — during
my return march — on the subject of my pri-
vate & committee concerns your Col Hays, with Mr
John Hutchings must regulate it — I have not
time to throw my thoughts upon worldly
self concerns — My [illegible] is ordered and my duty
[illegible] I will perform it to the [illegible]
[illegible], I despise them as the [illegible] [illegible] that
[illegible] through the storm [illegible] touching [illegible]
my own — you may assure yourself and my
friends, that intoxication is not a crime in one
[illegible] have I been intoxicated since I left you
and this thousands can [illegible] the fiend is not
in human shape that dare to assume that he has
saw me intoxicated in camp or any where else
since I left Nashville — I have only time to add
that I do not wish you to permit [illegible] to abuse

deem, I expect I shall take him & keep him one
-hundred dollars is too little for him – but of
this I shall say more hereafter when I can talk
permitt – I am anxious to see you and my little
andrew, had I been aided with troops, and provisions
I should have made every hostile village smoke
before this – our troops with officers at their
head seeking for popularity will not do, but
I am in the field & know I have the confidence
of general Pinckney – I shall do my duty and
with the blessing of kind providence I will con
-quer my enemies, both foreign and domestick
[illegible] – accept my blessing kiss my little
andrew for me I will send him Lyncoya
[illegible] my love to all friends and be[illegible]
be your affectionate husband

Andrew [illegible]

Mrs. Rachel Jackson

Mrs Rachel Jackson
Hermitage near
Nashville
Tennessee

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Fort Strother 28th Janu^a 1814

Sir I have received your order to hasten on to meet the troops of East Tennessee to facilitate their march and procure suf ficient supplies for the Army the high estimate you have been pleased to make of my Conduct in recrossing the creek, Exposeing my person &c and the liberal manner in which you are pleased to view my conduct good intentions & faithfull endeavour to be usefull should bring to the mind of every One that he is unworthy to be a soldier under your command that holds his own life as any thing when the glory of your troops & the good of his country require

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him to hazard whilst I enjoy the con
fidence of my Genl the approbation
of my Country and the esteem of my
brother Soldiers I shall feel myself
abundantly rewarded for the best
Services I can render except assur
ances of the high esteem with which
I have the honor to be

Your Mobd Servt

Major Genl [illegible] Wm. Cocke

Andrew Jackson

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Wm Cocke 28
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Major Genl Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother

Camp Blount Jany 28th 1814

Majr Gen: Andrew Jackson,

Sir, Last evening I arrived at this place, the troops are coming in, I shall organize them as soon as they arrive in sufficient quantities to form a regiment, I flatter myself that tomorrow I shall have one regiment mustered into service: as soon as organized & mustered I shall detach them by regiments in order to hasten their march to join you at fort Strother or any other point you may direct. When I join you we shall be ready to act under your orders. A copy of my division orders acting in your absence, I am enclosed, which will shew you the force I expect to march with. No doubt there will be a considerable deficiency, but before I march I shall send orders to the Brigadiers of this Division to send on the deficiency with all possible speed, should they not overtake me before I join you they shall be on their way so as to do duty at the garrisons

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I shall frequently advise you in my advance, Majr. Isaac Shelby is here who will wait untill the the Brigade is Organized, by him I will write you; I am Your Excellency's

Ob. Servt.

Thos. Johnson B.G

Majr General
Andrew Jackson

Fort
Strother

Capt. Baskerville —

Geo. Johnson to
Genl Jackson
Jany 23 1814
Recd 24 Jany 1814

Majr General Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Captn Baskerville —

Jno Johnson to
Genl Jackson
dated Jany 25 1814
Ansd Feby 10 1814

Mr. Valentin. Le 27 Janvier 1814

Servir une Vente du Cordage mais vous le ferez mettre en quatre pieces.

votre ami

(signé) Wm. Carter

Je Souhaite Le Bonjour A Madame Charles, et la prie de Remettre au porteur du present La Caisse de Sucre et le Baril de Café que J'ai chez Elle, comme aussi de lui Remettre mon Linge s'il Est propre elle m'obligera infiniment —

a Madme Charles
grand île

tout a vous.

(signé) Jn Lafitte

Monsr. Dominique

Ayant été chez Mr. Sauvinet pour vos toiles, il m'a dit qu'il en avoit Cinquante Pieces, et qu'il etoit a votre Dispositions le Choix des Vingt Pieces que vous aviez eu la Bonté de m'avancer. je vous salue

votre tres humble Obt Servt.

(signé) Jph. Delaferry

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Head Quaters

Fort Strother January 27th 1814

A general Court Martial to consist of thirteen members will convene at Ft Strother on the Coosee River for the trial of Col. Nicholas T Perkins & Lt Col. John Stump and such other persons as shall be brought before them. Col William Y Higgins is hereby appointed President of the Court Martial & Major Louis Winston Judge Advocate the other members to be detailed by the Adjutant General of the army —

By Command
Robt Searcy aid de Camp

The Court met in persuance of the above order

Present

William Y Higgins President

Majr Boyd.	Col Doak.
Capt Elliott.	Capt Gordon.
Capt Russell.	Capt Doak.
Capt Patterson.	Capt Mitchell.
Capt Winston.	Capt Pipkins.
Capt Cheatham.	Majr Murry.

Louis Winston Judge Advocate —

The Court having been duly sworn in the presence of the Prisoner, proceeded to the trial of Col Nicholas T Perkins of the first Regt of Mounted gun-men in the service of the United States — who being personally asked if he had any objection to the members named in the above order and replying in the negative was arraigned & the following charges prepared against him (Viz)

Charges & Specifications against Nicholas T Perkins Col of the 1st Regt of mounted gun men now in the service of the United States (to wit)

Charge the 1st Disobedience of Orders

For not obeying the Genl orders under date of the 17 Inst prescribing the order of Battle in the event of an attack on the line of March on the late excursion against the hostile

creek Indians, at Enotichopca on Monday morning the 24th (in this) that he the sd Nicholas T Perkins Col as aforesaid being an officer of the day & commanding the right Colu of the rear guard of the army, instead of forming the men under his command and meeting the enemy as directed by orders, did then & there order that part of the rear guard under his command on the approach of the enemy to retreat, and that he the sd Col Nicholas T Perkins did then & there at the head of that part of the rear guard under his command flee from the enemy in great confusion and disorder rushing into the center of the army spreading confusion in every part in violation of said Genl orders & of the orders of the Commanding Genl communicated to him on the field of Battle by Col Carroll inspector general to the evil example of all others & contrary to the rules & articles of War

Charge 2 Cowardice

Specification

That he the sd Nicholas T Perkins Col as aforesaid on the morning of the 24th Inst at Enotichopca being an officer of the day & commanding the right column of the rear guard of the army, when about to be attacked & in face of the enemy did through fear and Cowardice flee before the enemy without making or attempting to make any resistance against them and did then & there actually retreat in front of his men without any exertion to stop the progress of the enemy who were then & there advancing thereby exposeing the wounded, & the whole of the army to great hazard & risque, contrary to the rules & articles of war

Charge 3rd Abandoning his post

For, that he the sd Nicholas T Perkins Col as aforesaid on the morning of the 24th Inst at Enotichopca being one of the officers of the day and commanding the right Column of the rear guard did then & there shamefully runaway and abandon his post in the face of the enemy which he had been commanded to defend, and thereby jeopardizing the safety of the balance of the army, when passing a dangerous defile contrary to the rules & articles of war & to the evil example of all others

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in the cases offending

Louis Winston Judge Advocate

To which the defendant Pleads not guilty &c

Col William Carrol after being sworn States that on the morning of the 24th Inst at Enotichopco he saw the right Column of the rear guard of the army at the approach of the enemy under the command of Col Nicholas T Perkins flee before the enemy but could not say whether he heard sd Col Perkins give them orders to do so — that he had directed Doct Shelby to tell Col Perkins to form his men & dismount them —

Doct Shelby States upon oath that he saw Col N. T. Perkins forming the right Column of the rear guard of the army about two or three hundred yards from the incampment on the south side of the Creek, that about the time the second cannon fired he saw sd Col Perkins on the North side of sd Creek & that the men with him was not formed in line of battle

Doct Charles McKinney after being sworn States that he saw Col N T Perkins on the North side of the Creek at Enotichoco on the 24th Inst at a time when there was a heavy firing of guns & yelling of the hostile indians on the South side of sd Creek & that sd Col Perkins was indeavouring to form his men on the North side of said Creek

Capt Vincent Winfrey a witness after being sworn saith that on the 24th Inst at Enotichoco he saw Col N T Perkins in the time of the battle crossing the Creek & coming to the North side thereof at or near the place where we passed on our march in going out with no person immediately with him, some to his right & others behind him but does not know who they were with Col Perkins, that he said Perkins exercised no command over them, some of the men being of the foradge party

William McCandless a witness after being sworn, States that on the 24th Inst at Enotichopco in a battle with the hostile Creek Indians and on there approach Col N T Perkins ordered the Column under his command to form a line & dismount that a few obeyed the order, that the greater part retreated that Col Perkins remained with the few that dismounted but did not see said Col Perkins after the retreat

Jacob Williams a witness on the part of the Deft after being

sworn saith on the 24th Inst at Enotichopco on the approach of the enemy he heard Col Perkins order the right column of the rear guard of the army under the command of Maj Genl A Jackson to form & dismount that, [illegible] nearly all formed & 15 or 16 only dismounted, that in a few minits he looked backed & found that Col Perkins and all the rest had retreated that Col Perkins did not appear imbarrased when first giving the order

Enoch Harness after being sworn saith that on the 24 Inst at Enotichopco at the approach of the enemy he heard Col Perkins indeavouring to rally the men at different times & places, that the last time he saw Col Perkins was when the men had nearly all retreated

Argyle Campbell a witness after being sworn States that on the 24th Inst at Enotichopco Col Perkins ordered the men under his command to form & dismount, that a few only obeyed the order and that he saw nothing of Col Perkins afterwards as he sd Perkins did not remain with them—

Lt Saml Brooks deposeth & saith that on the 24 Inst at Enotichopco he heard Col N T Perkins the officer command-ing the right column of the rear guard of the army under the command of Maj Genl A Jackson order the men of sd column to form & dismount, that a few only obeyed the order that he heard the order for a retreat given & believed it to be Col Perkins as there was no other superiour officer present & does not know whether Col Perkins rallied the men on their retreat or not as he did not see sd Perkins untill sd sd Perkins had crossed & was on the North side of the creek at a time when the enemy had given way to their opposers

The court then adjourned till to morrow 8 OClock

Saturday Jany 29 1814
The Court met according to adjournment
the same members present as on yesterday

Sim^l Berry a private in Capt Johnstons company after being sworn saith on the 24th Inst at Enotichopco on the approach of the enemy he heard Col Perkins order the right Column of the army to form & dismount that after the firing had commenced he the witness retreated and left Col Perkins on the field — Commanding those who stood their ground

Thomas Craig a private in Capt Pipkins Com^y deposeth & saith that on the 24th Inst at Enotichopco he heard Col N T Perkins who commanded the right Column of the rear guard of the army under the command of Maj^r Genl Andrew Jackson on the appearance of the enemy — order said Column to form & dismount — that said column except a few retreated & that Col Perkins with his sword drawn endea=voured to rally those that had retreated threatening to cut them down

Col W Carrol was again introduced as a witness to prove what orders he had given to Col Perkins on the field of Battle as coming from the Commanding Genl and was objected to by the Defendants Council — as improper testimony — The objection was overruled by the Court Col Carroll proceeded to state that Col Perkins had applied to him on the morning of the 24th Inst to know his position with the rear guard, that he informed him that he must command the right column it was the post of honor & he was the senior or officer, that he (Col Carrol) [illegible] at Talledega at which place Col P. was present [illegible] had exemplified the order of the 17 Inst, on the line of march to Col Perkins & a number of the field officers he also ~~[illegible]~~ explained the order of

Col P... present

Doct^r James Orr a private in Capt Quales company being sworn States that on the 24 Inst at Enoti=chopco he was in the center column of the rear guard of the army under the Command of Maj^r Genl Jackson that Col N. T. Perkins commanded the right column of s^d guard when the enemy attacked, the rear-guard that the center column did form & dismount & was ordered to incline to the right by Col Carroll that himself & one or two others remained where they had first dismounted — that about the time the Cannon fired

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Col Perkins came to them and gave orders for them to form & fight and immediately left them

Andrew Read a private in Capt Johnstons Company States upon oath that on the 24 Inst at Enotichopco he heard Col Perkins who commanded the right column of the rear guard of the army under the command of Maj Genl A Jackson order said column to form & dismount but that nearly all said guard retreated to the right of the main army one hundred or one hundred & fifty yards across a small branch & upon a small hill where he heard Col Perkins again order the men to form & give the enemy a fire that sd order was not obeyed by the men that some of the enemy were at that time between them & the heavy fireing in the center of the army

W Phillips Maj in the 1st Regt of Mount gun men upon oath States that on the 24th Inst at Enoti=chopco about the time the second cannon fired he saw Col Perkins on the North & opposite side of the Creek from where the enemy had attacked the rear guard actively engaged in collecting the men of the rear guard that he sd Perkins got a few & returned towards where they had been attacked —

Fountain H Gaines a Sergeant in Capt Elliotts Company after being sworn States that on the 24 Inst at Enoti[illegible] he was in the center column of the rear guard when the enemy attacked sd guard & that Col Perkins came to the center column & ordered them to form & dismount at which time an order was given in the left Column for said column to retreat — When Col Perkins ordered the center column to stand fast & maintain their position that he saw nothing of Col Perkins afterwards

The evidence having been closed, The Court after having maturely considered the evidence are unanimously of opinion & do say that Col Nicholas T. Perkins did not on the 24th Inst at Enotichopco obey

the Genl. orders under date of the 17th Inst prescribeing the
mode of battle in the event of an attack by the enemy
But, they are also of opinion the he was Justifiable in
doing so, for that he said Col Perkins could not cause his
men to stand & fight although he used his endeavours to
do so —

The Court are of opinion & do say that said
Col Perkins is not guilty of the second charge exhibited
against him —

The opinion of the Court was then taken
upon the third charge Whereupon this Court are of opinion
& do say that Col N. T. Perkins did on the 24th Inst at
Enotichopco abandon his post. But was Justified
from the evidence, introduced before us, in doing so

Signed

Louis Winston W. Y. Higgins. Presdt
Judge Advocate

Head Quarters

Fort Strother Jany 30 1814

The commanding Genl approves the sentence
of the Court Martial whereof Cole William Y Higgins
is President & before whome Col Nicholas T Perkins
was tried & orders that the Sword of Col N. T. Perkins
be returned to him by the Adjutant Genl & that he
return to the command of his Regement

Signed
Andrew Jackson
Majr Genl

[illegible] the Genl orders made date of the 9 Inst preceding. the
[illegible] of battle in the event of an attack of the enemy
But they are also of opinion that he was justifiable in
[illegible] so far that he [illegible] Col Perkins could not cause his
men to stand & fight although he used his endeavours to
do so.

The Court are of opinion & do say that [illegible]
[illegible] guilty of the second charge which [illegible]
against him

The opinion of the Court was then taken
upon the third charge. Whereupon the Court are of opinion
& do say that Col N. T. Perkins did on the 24th Inst at
[illegible] abandon his post. But was justifiable
from the evidence, introduced before us, in doing so

Signed
W. L. Higgins Pres.

Lewis Winston
Judge Advocate

Court Martial
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Head Quarters
Fort Strother Jany 28 1814

The commanding Genl approves the sentence
of the Court Martial whereof Col. William L. Higgins
is President & before whom Col Nicholas T. Perkins
was tried & orders that the sword of Col N. T. Perkins
be returned to him by the Adjutant Genl & that he
return to the command of his Regiment

Signed
Andrew Jackson
Maj Genl

Colo. William Cocke   Jany 29 1814

Sir

The Patriotism which brought you into
the field at your advanced age which prompted you
on with me to face the enemy in the late excursion
to the Tallapoosa river the example of order and your
subordination to which [illegible] throughout the
lines — and lastly the bravery you displayed in the
Battle of Enotichopco — by recrossing the creek entering
the pursuit exposing your person and thereby sa=
=ving the life of Lt. Moss and killing the enemy
entitle you to the thanks of your general and
the approbation of your country —

Not having it in my power to move for=
=ward untill the troops from East and west Tennessee
arive I mean the 1500 ordered for six months service
under the requisition of the secretary of war and the
sole order of general Pinckney — with Col. Williams
Regt. and such other auxiliary troops that may be
furnished by the orders of the Governor of the State
I have to request that you will forthwith repair
to East Tennessee, and use your best exertions
in hurrying those troops to this point at the earli=
=est possible day — The character of our State by the re=
=trograde of the troops — and the failure of having in the
field such troops as was required by the secretary of war
had like to have been tarnished — the publick service has
been much retarded thereby and much injured & the publick
expence much enhanced — It is alone from the ex=
=ertions of men of influence, that these evils can be cured,
the publick service promoted — and the objects of the
campaign brought to a speedy and successfull issue —
whereby the high standing of the patriotism of the state of
Tennessee may be regained — which had like to have been
buried, by the conduct of miscreants, whose sole object is popu=
=lar seeking and self aggrandizement — you have been with me

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you have been a faithfull observer of the passing scenes
and do know that these would be patriotts, these Town
Meeting ~~[illegible]~~ barristers these men who will not act themselves
but find fault with every thing - has been destroying the true
interest of their country, & the cause we are engaged in, and
every thing calculable to ferment, to injure the cause of our
country, when it come in contact with their own individual
views and their own private aggrandizement - they eyes
of the faithfull and experienced patriott, one whose country's
good is his in common with his fellow citizens has
seen and felt these growing evills - you are one amongst
this number - in whose exertions, I have confidence -
and in whose patriotism I rely - and who has experi-
ence, and sees things as they really exist - and will
with the true patriotism of an american, and the
present campaign to a speedy & successfull issue -
I therefore request that I wish you to repair to East
Tennessee, and use your interest, in sending on with them
the troops, and sufficient supplies of provisions &
with which that country abundantly ~~will afford~~ [illegible], and which
has, from some unknown and strange cause
been withheld from ~~[illegible]~~ me - your experience &
patriotism is a sure pledge to me that your best exertions
will be used to promote the present campaign -
Receive Sir my best wishes and believe me
to be respectfully yr mo. ob. serv.

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Letter to Col. Cocke, dated
Ft. Strother, Jany 29. 1814

Copy —

...ficate of Robert Hays

... Samuel B McKnight

... ssee Militia com-

-manded by ... ..., was mustered into Ser-

-vice ~~by Capt. Blount of Tenn~~ on the 4th day

October 1813 for a Term of three months, ending

4th of January 1814 — The said Capt. Samuel B. McK

and those who, having served the three months being the Term for which they were mustered, is entitled to his discharge

The assistant Inspector General will therefore ... them out of service, and the Col. commanding give certificate of the ... with discharge for the Second Regt. of ... T. Militia all of his company — who have served ... ...

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Fort Strother Head quarters
March 29th 1814

Lt. H. A. Grays of the 2 Regt. Dragoons report himself immediately to the undersigned ... this place

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

Order for ... Capt. McHugh &c
March 29th 1814
to be Recorded

Maj: Genl. Pinckney

Head Quarters
Ft Strother 29th. Jany 1814

Sir

Your letters of the 9th. & 10th. Inst. were handed me, on my march to Tallapoosa.

In my report of that excursion & the circumstances which attended it, which will accompany this, I have stated the reasons which induced me to undertake it.

Having accepted the sixty days mounted men I believed I could not apply them more beneficially for the public service than I did.

I returned to this point on the ~~morning of the~~ 27th. Inst. & shall dismiss the 60 days men, so soon as they build me twelve boats — having nothing farther for them to do. Whenever a movement, designed for permanent effects, shall be undertaken I fear the transportation of supplies, in spite of all obstructions, must be by water.

Col Williams' Regiment has not yet reached this point; but on my return here I received a letter from the Colonel dated at Huntsville on the 22d. Inst — stating that he would soon reinforce me with 600 men, — only 181 of whom however, were armed. I shall endeavour to provide for the remainder

Having been assured by Genl. Cocke that the men whom he had been raising would soon be in readiness to join me I received a letter from him, dated at Knoxville on the 10th. Inst — stating that he was apprehensive great

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delay would ~~still~~ be experienced before those men could be raised. This is an astonishing man, concerning whom it is not proper that I should now say any thing.

— I had given the most possitive orders that the troops from E. Tennessee then under the immediate command of Genl. White, should join me before I set out to Talledega on the 7th. ulto.

It will be some few weeks before I shall be able to recommence another movement; & in the mean=while I have strong hopes sufficient supplies will be furnished me. I will not delay a moment after I am ready to move — of which you shall be advised —

I have no doubt that Genl. Floyd, of whose military talents I have a high ~~opinion~~, availing himself of the diversion I have made in his favour will soon produce some important effects.

We found the enemy well armed & plenti=fully supplied with ammunition. I have the honor to be respectfully &c

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

Letter to Genl. Pinckney
dated Jany 29th 1814

New Orleans Jany. 29th 1814.

Dear Sir

Conceiving my services, as Surgeon of the Louisiana Volunteers, of but little importance to the public. I request that you will accept of this my resignation, with an assurance, that I shall at all times be ready to contribute my services when my Country may require.

I have the honor to be
Sir your Ob. Servt.

T. Shaw
Surgeon Volunteers

Brig. Genl.
Thos. Flournoy
Comdg. 7th Mility. District

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Brig. Genl.
Thos. Flournoy
Comdg. 7th Mil. District
Present

Doctor Shaw
Resignation
28th Jany. 1814

Brig. Genl.
Thos. J. Flournoy
Comdg. 7th. Ml. District
Present

Doctor Kerr
Resignation
28th. Jany. 1814

Head Quarters Fort Strother
January 30th 1814.

Brigadier Genl. John Coffee

Sir

you and your brave officers and men now with you have served your country faithfully, you have with them faught bravely and bled on the hights of Tallushatchey, Talladega Emuckfaw and Enotochopco, your wounds require that you should rest, their services, that they should be indulged for a short time untill the pleasure of the Government should be known as it respects their discharge, or further service you will therefore direct that the brave band of officers, that have remained with you steddfastly in the field retire to their homes there to await my further orders, or the orders of the commander in chief Major Genl. Thomas Pinckney.

Captain Hamilton commanding a Company

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of Mounted gun men from the County of Madison
and a part of your Brigade, is entitled for him-
-self and Company to an honorable discharge, you
Will please give it of date of the expiration of
their Services — The Captain and those that accom-
-panied you to Emuckfaw with me in the late
excursion are entitled to pay untill they reach their
homes — you will please have this noted on
his muster roll and the date of their discharge.

When you and your brave fellows return home
you return with the Gratefull thanks of your
General. and to meet the full and Complete
applause of a Gratefull Country.

Wishing you a Speedy recovery from your
Wounds — and a tender of best wishes to your
brave Comrades in arms. I am very respectfully
your most obt Servt

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

P.S. you will order Lt. [illegible] with his
company to some convenient point to forage his
horses, there to report to me and await my orders
A. Jackson
Major Genl

Genl. [illegible]
30th. Jany 1814

Brigadier Genl.
John Coffee
Present

Brigadier Genl
John Coffee
Present

30th Jany 1814

Head quarters Fort Strother
January 30th 1814

Brigadier Genl Floyd

Sir Since closing mine of yesterday to you
McIntosh of the Cowetas, has reached me, he requests that you
should be informed of his intentions to remain with me
with about seventy five warriors of his tribe, the causes and
Nolehoye Spoke Haze or Mad Spoke is also with me and requests
I should ask of you to inform the big warrior, that he was
with me in the late excursion, that his friend Chulio ~~on the~~
on the Elk who came with him, got wounded ~~at~~ the Battle of Emuckfau
~~Hickory ground~~ which prevented him from going on to the
Big warrior being compelled to return here with his
wounded companion — from information recd to day
I am of oppinion a great number of those with the
war party will sue for peace, application has been
made for permission for many of them to get up to
the friendly Forts — I give you this as mere information
not that you should rely on it, in any measure to relax your
vigilence or exertions — they are well whipped, and much
alarmed — But the influence of those chiefs who fomented
the war and who knows they will not, nor cannot be
pardoned will struggle for support, and continue as long
as they can — I shall be shortly able to move, and that
with effect — my numbers will be able after a junction
with you to sweep the creek nation from East to west from
north to south — and carry into effect any ulterior
measure contemplated by the government &c — I shall be
anxious to hear from you in a few days, the [illegible]
are faithfull and will bring any dispatches you may think
proper to send me — should a safe conveyance offer please
forward a copy of the accompanying report to Major Genl Pinckney

with sentiments of due respect I am Sir
yr mo. ob. servt,
Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Letter to Genl. Floyd dated
Ft. Strother, Jany 30th. 1814

Fort Strother Jany 30th 1814

Sir

in obediance to your order to me of the 19th ultimo I proceded to execute the sd orders so fare as was practicable, and in Madison county I found some whare about one thousand troops, who had been mustered in to service of the United States under the command of Colo Perkins; they ware cavalry or mounted infantry; being disposed to take the earliest oppertunity to secure troops to effect the object of the order I demanded of Colo Perkins one company of the mounted men, & had selected Colo Pipkins acting as captain of a volunteer company of mounted men with his company to assist me in the execution of sd order, the Colo gave substantial reasons for not complying with the demand as follows. That if one company was taken from the troops thare assembled; that it would be the cause of much confusion, that such a step might brake up the whole camp, & that the publick would sustain more injury than it possibly could recieve benefit by such a course of procedure, I then consulted your aid Mr Sevier & 171

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Genl. Coffee, Col. Carroll, & Mr. Blackbourn

they were all of the same opinion; Genl. Coffee then favoured me with a perusal of your letter, informing him that the 39th Regt. U S. Infy. was at your dis-posal, I proceeded to the cantonment near (Nashville) & order the commanding officer to meet me with two hundred of his troops at Columbia on the 14th of this Inst. to assist me in the execution of sd orders & received the following answer

Cantonment near Nashville
Jany. 10th 1814

Brigadier Genl. I. Roberts

Sir I have the honor of acknowledging the receipt of your order of this date founded on the order of Major Gl. Andrew Jackson, for purposes there in express'd (what ever pleasure sir I might feel) in complying with the order I think it impossible for the fol-lowing reasons I am under marching orders, so soon as the clothing of the Regt. can be completed which is not yet effected; second I am with out Arms Third transportation & provision can not be procured in the time specifyed in your order

I have the Honor to be Sir
very respy. yo. obt. Jno. Lomax Capt.
39 Regt. U.S. Infy. Commanding

Thus failing in coersive measures and receiving your order of the 6th on the 16th Inst. apprising me of the dangerous situation of the mag-azeen & publick stores at this place,

I then lost no time in applying to the Capts. notwithstanding the severity of the order with respect to them, to use thare best exertions to collect thare companys and return to thare duty, reminding them that it was the pride of a soldier to face danger, I also assured them that the mind of the commanding Genl. is susceptable of generosity to a soldier, they have generally exerted them selves; Capt Patton & Capt Harris exerted thare best exertions to collect thare companys, and they marchd on with me to this place like brave fellows to do thare duty at all hazards; Capt. Pickens, as I am advised will be here to day or to morrow, I think Capt Nielson will be on in a few days with his company, part which is allready here and attachd to Capt. Pattons com-pany this I hope will appear that if I have not executed the sd order litterly I have done what will justify me with the commanding Genl.

I hold it as a principle attachd to the ordernary duties of office where the publick good may require it.

to take some Responsibility on himself —

It only remains for me to petition that the officers above alove aluded to shal receive a free and unconditional pardon as well as the privates that has or will return short-ly to thare duty, I hope the reasons I have given will be satisfaction if so & if I do not stand implicated in my official capacity and as Genl. Johnson is now ordered out by the executives order of the State of Tennessee with 2500 militia to supply the deficiancy of my Brigade whose term of service has expired by the laws of the State of Tenn. & the laws of the U S. authorising the call-ing out of the militia when the U S. shall be in eminent danger of invation from any foreign nation or Indian tribes

It becomes my duty to petition that me and my Brigade may be honor-ably discharged with assurance that when my services with my influance may be needed that a call from the commanding Genl will be promptly attended to

You will please except the assurances of my well wishes for the prosperity of the Armes under your Command

I have the honor to be Sir
Yr. Ob. H. S.
Isaac Roberts Brigr. Genl

Andw. Jackson }
Major Genl.

Fort Strother Head Quarters
31 Jany 1814

Major Gen Andrew Jackson
Sir I am Bound by the many favours
the major Gen has confered on me to reverence
and respect him as a father and Pattron &
feel reluctant to make any request of him
which would be reluctantly granted - but there
being no men of Consiquene ~~at~~ here at this
time and verry little use for any Services
that I could render as Colo williamses officers
are capable of descipliniy their owne men
I must request that I be permited to return
to the Settlements with major Read ~~to~~ ~~return~~
~~to~~ the army when he does - If this
request is granted I shall be under
additional obligations to him under
whom I have the honour to serve
verry respectfully
yr mst obedt Servt
J Anthony
Adj Agt Genl

Major Gen A Jackson

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From Major Anthony
31st. Jany 1814

Major General Andrew Jackson
Present

Major General Andrew Jackson

Present

from Major Anthony
31st Jany
1814

Encampment on Talsea Creek Jany 31st 1814

Friend & Brother

It was with gratification I received your talk. the moment it ~~was~~ came to my ear I prepared to comply with it. the time limited for your march being nearly expired when your talk reached me. but I repaired without delay with what few men I could speedily raise to co-operate with you. I have now reached you, but too late, for the first engagement, & I hope you have plenty of provision, Arms & ammunition that you will bestow to those of my people that are in need. I expect a reinforcement in a few days. I am very anxious to hear your disposition & intentions ~~fully~~ fully. Our men are very impatient to rout the red sticks ~~f~~ of Oakfuskee. ~~they~~ red sticks entertain great ~~i~~ independency of themselves & thinks that they stand with firmness inremoveable. ~~Our~~ Some of my men are badly off for cloathing. for that reason they are more impatent to accomplish an

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expedition — I am Y^r Friend & Brother

Chuleowa his
mark

Wrote & Interpreted by

Ch^s Ross

Chuleowa, Cherokee Chief
dated ~~[illegible]~~, Jany 17. 1814

Fort Armstrong January 31st 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Sir

In obediance to an order of Major Genl. John Cocke by his aidecamp William C. Mynett directing me to take the command of the Troops detatched from the 8th Brigade Tennessee Militia and March without delay to this post and Report to your Excellency on my arrival the Strength and Condition of my Troops, inclosed I Transmit you a Copy of the above mentioned order on my arrival at Camp Ross finding considerable publick Stores and by the Request of the Quarter Master I determined on leaving a Capt. and his Company of fifty men for the purpose of Takeing Care of the publick property; including that Company my Strength is upwards of Three hundred Infantry for Six months: With pleasure I wait your Excellency[s] order and answer by the Bearer Capt. Berry provisions is Scarce here; With due Respect Dear Genl. I Remain and Subscribe myself to be

Your Excellency's Most Obt

Hble Servant

Thomas C. Clarke Major

Commanding The Detachment from 8th Brigade Tennessee Militia

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Major Thos. C Clark
January 31st 1814

Express

Major Genl.

Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Capt. Berry

Ten Islands on on his
March to the Creek nation

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Head Quarters Fort Strother Jany 31st 1814

The Honble John Armstrong

Sir Accompanied with this I have the honor to send you a copy of my report to Major Genl. Pinckney of an excursion which I have lately made against the enemy — With the motives which led to it as well as with the consequences which may be expected to result from it I think you will be satisfied

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your very flattering letter of the 28th ultimo —

I hope in a very few weeks to send you more pleasing intelligence than any I have yet communicated — When I make another movement, it will be to produce permanent effects

I have the honor to be
very respectfully your
obd Servt
Andrew Jackson
Major Genl.

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Letter from Genl. Jackson
to The Hon.ble John Armstrong
dated Jany 31. 1814

Copied & recorded

Head Quarters Fort Strother
January 21st 1814

Major James Baxter

Sir

a Packett for Major General Thomas Pinckney will be handed you with this you will forthwith forward it to him by express

I have recd. from general Cocke a letter of the 16th Instant advising that 2000 men were encamped at Camp Williams near Knoxville and would march on the 17th they must be near you when this reaches you — as many of the troops as may be necessary to guard the waggons, built Boats, and push on the supplies — will be subject to your orders and direction — and you will call upon the commanding officer therefor, immediately advising me thereof. The Ballance of the Troops will remain at Ross's untill a sufficient supply of provisions and Boats are in a state of readiness at [illegible] strong to be pushed on to this place — It will be better to feed them there on the bank of the river than in advance, it will save considerable transportation — You will exert every nerve to have the building of the boats compleated, and forward the provisions &c. — I wish the provisions at this place against the 20th of Feb.y — You will advise me how you succeed in getting on provision as soon as possible — I am Sir respectfully &c

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To Majr Boyle
January 31, 1814
To the accounts

Head quarters Fort Strother Jany 31st 1814

Genl order

In reviewing my report of the late Battles ~~at~~ on the heights of Emuckfau and Enotachopco, I observe in the hurry of the moment, that I have omitted naming my Staff – In Justice to them and every individual member thereof I have to remark, that all did their duty, was firmly at their posts ~~[illegible]~~ assigned them, & rendered me every aid ~~that~~ in ~~distributing~~ distributing my orders at every point required – that Doctor Shelby voluntarily at the time of the attack at Enotachopco, was with Col. Carroll in the rear & did his duty the whole Staff deserve my thanks – ~~and~~ I am much indebted to my two aids ~~[illegible]~~ ~~for restoring~~ their exertions in restoring order from confusion at Enotachopco, and in distributing my orders on all occasions, my whole Staff in the whole of the officers merit & receive my thanks – had I pointed out each member of my corps by name, that deserved my thanks and their country's approbation, I might have done an injustice to others who are equally praise worthy, that I was not advised of, when all did their duty praise and thanks are due to all =

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

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Genl order
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Fort Strother January 31st 1814

Majr Genl Andw Jackson

Dear Sir agreeable to Orders of Col William Higgins I was directed as Lieutenant of the Light Infantry Company attached to the 49th Regiment of Tennessee Militia On the 12th of December 1813 I proceed to Colect the Men under My Command and raised eighteen Of them and Marchd On to Huntsville and was Mustered into service On the 25th of the same Inst. Then I Marched them On three Miles On this side of Fort Deposit When I met with the Balance of the Regiment who stated to me that You woud Not except their services. I then wished to Come On to this place to Know Your pleasure but Coud Not prevail with any of My Company to Come with Me But so soon as I saw Your adress I felt Cheerful and willing to Come On and serve My Country in any Way Or Manner that You may direct and that there Was No disposition in Me, Lacking in the first Instance to serve My Country.

I am Dr Sir Yours

to Command

Alexr D. McKamey Lut

Majr Genl Andw Jackson

present

Dr. Jno. D. McKinney
To Genl Jackson
dated, Jany 31st 1814

Majr. Genl. A Jackson

Sir

I was requested by Mr. Foster yesterday (which the affair of last night has not made me forget) to entreat you to grant him permission to return to his studies. He may have spoken to you himself on the subject; but as I do not know this, I think it my duty to perform what I have promised. — He has been attentive as a secretary; & I think both his conduct & his situation will entitle him to any favour & indulgence you may have it in your power to grant him.

In being thus long absent from his studies, the loss of a young man, does not barely consist in not progressing — he is really going backwards. It was a true maxim of the Ancients, & is peculiarly applicable to a student of law "Non progredi, est regredi."

John Reid
Ft Strother. 31st. Jany. 1814

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Major John Reid to
Genl. Jackson dated
31st Jany 1814

Majr Genl A Jackson Fort Strother Jany 31st

Dear sir

It is with pain I do venture so far as to wish from your goodness a discharge or a dismisal well knowing how much you have been troubled with such solitations for a few days past. but when you take in to consideration that I am one individual of the few who have remain-ed with you from the commencement through every stage of your difficulties and your successes my application I hope will appear more excusable I have now been in the field upwards of four months and am anxious to return home believing that the new army will [illegible] afford workmen sufficient to forme a company of artificers. Col. Hays has promised with your consent to dismiss me which I hope you will grant

I am your humble
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Saml. I. Ridley

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Saml. J. Ridley
Jany — 1814

Majr. Genl. Jackson

Fort Armstrong January the 21th 1814

Dear General

I Major Clark has Arove at this post with three
Companys & Immediately Dismist the Company of Cherokees that
I had got to protect the post Brigadier Genl Taylor Arove here
Late last Night and informes me that the Other troops from
East Tennessee wold be on in two or three Days I Spoke to
Genl Cock on his Return to East Tenn from fort Strother
to know what Arrangements he intended Making in the
Field Officers to take Command of the New Levies he then
told me the Officers who wished to Continue Shold be Continu
ed I Named to him that I had not had a fair Chance with
the Rest of the field Officers being Stationed in A fort by his Order
and to do the Duty of Several Other Officers which was inconsiquence
thrown on me and that I wisht to Continue and Join the troops
and March to Join your Army his answer was that all the
Officers that wisht to stay Shold be Continued I now under-
Stand the troops are Comming on under the Command of Other
Officers his Reason for not Complying with his Engagement I know not I
Shold have been very Glad to have Joined you and had an op
ortunity of Meeting the Hostile Creeks Colo Morgan left here A
bout two weeks Since with About 160 Cherokees in Company with
Mackintosh with Seventy & upwards of the friendly Creeks on A Scout
and will Join your troops the wagons being taken with Col Lillards
Regt has prevented us from having any Provision to send to you
Immediately on the Arival of the troops engaged a few to Carry on
Boat Building Majr Bradley writes to me he expects thirty wagons

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Shortly I expect to leve this place in a short time for East Ten
and as I Cannot have the pleasure of being one of your party
I wish you Great Succes and Shall be glad to hear from you
as frequently as your other Duties will permit.

I have the honour to Subscribe
My Self your obt St

Wm Snodgrass

N Bs I supplyed the troops from the uper County in
East Ten. with Provision and forrage which I am pledged
for on my Return as no provision ware laid in and the notice
So short for marching I was Obliged to get provision on my promise
to pay them on my Return I wish you to State to the Contractors
Mr [illegible] that as I am not Continued any longer in Service he would
make Arangements to Settle for the provision I purchast

Wm Snodgrass

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[illegible] Compelled to leave this place in a short time for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the pleasure of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] great [illegible] and shall be glad to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] other duties will permit [illegible]

I have the honour to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Snodgrass

[illegible] [illegible] from the upper [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] obliged to [illegible] provision [illegible] [illegible] pay [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] make arrangements [illegible] for the provision [illegible]

[illegible] Snodgrass

Col. W. Snodgrass
January 31. 1814
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Maj. Genl. A. Jackson Creek Nation
express

To Maj^r Genl Andw Jackson

Sir I hope you will Call a Court of enquiry Concerning my Late Conduct and Trial I am able to prove that James Pool Sr whose Testimony was that I ordered a retreat, was in line of march in the 2nd Battalion 2nd Regmt & on the north side of the Creek before the action Commenced — Pool also Swore he was present in the rear Guard when it is aleged I ordered a retreat, I can also prove that the word retreat Came from Col^o Perkins Line, By Different witnesses of Good Standing — the troops being removed up the River I had not a proper Chance of having the attendance of a number of witnesses — I hope you will therefore Cause a Court to be Convened, that ample Justice may be done — & your petitioner will ever pray &c

Jany 31st 1814

John Strother

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From Jno. Stirrup
requesting a Court of Enquiry
31st Jany 1814

Jan. 1814

Articles of agreement this day entered into between Andrew Jackson
and State of Tennessee of the County of Davidson of the one part and John
Fields of the other Witnesseth that the Said Andrew Jackson has
imployed the said Fields as a overseer for the Space of one year comme-
encing on the Twenty fifth of Decr. 1813 and ending on the Twenty fifth of
Decr. 1814 next on the Termes Following that the Said Fields Shall take
Charge of all the hands the said Jackson does put under him to make a Crop and
faithfully make a Crop in the manner the Said Jackson may direct
and attend to Said Jacksons Stock in a perticular manner and all the
working Tools and every other thing which may be put in charge of him
Said Fields and to attend having fire wood got and fires made as Mr
Jackson may direct and the said Andrew on part doth agree to
pay said Fields two Hundred Dollars in Trade all but Thirty Dollars
in Cash at the expiration of said Services the said Jackson is to let
Said Fields have a certain horse for one Hundred Dollars to are
Subject to said Jackson having in his power to pay him the said
Said Fields one Hundred Dollars and taking said Horse called Clum
at the expiration of Said year In witness whereof we have we
have hereunto set our hands and affixed our Seals this day of Jany
1814. Said Jackson to find said Fields eating Lodging and washing time of said Service
in presence of us

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Articles of Agreement
between Genl
A. Jackson and
John Fields

Belle Fontaine
Feby 1st 1814

Sir

The subject of this letter will no doubt surprise you
But my destinies have decreed and with pleasure I
submit, were I the same man that you left last
Summer, such is my Solicitude for the happiness of one
that is interested that I should not make the proposition
which I am now about to make but believing as I do that
my whole Character is changed, and knowing as I do that
I look back with horror at my past life and feel that
it is due to myself my family and my Country that
the whole tenor of my Conduct should be changed I have
no doubt that it will — without further Circumlocution
I will state that I have formed an attachment for your
Daughter Mary, and that she has authorized me to
say that she is willing to abide your decision —
If Sir these pretentions of mine shall meet with appro-
-bation I have no hesitation in pledging myself to you
that it shall be my future study of my life to prove
myself worthy of this double confidence of yourself and
Daughter. Your Daughter is no stranger to my prospects
I have from the first treated her with the Candor that is
due from me to the Daughter of a Soldier: Should you
not approve of my pretentions you will oblige me by
stateing your reasons with the Candor that is due
from one Soldier to another. I pray most earnestly
that you will give me an answer as soon as may
meet your Convenience —

Yours —

Signed Robt C. Nicholas

Col. D. Bissell } true Copy LB }

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Head quarters
Fort Strother Feby 1st
1814

Captn. John Baskerville, of the Volunteer cavalry under the act of Congress of February 6th & July 6th 1812 - of Col John Alcorns Regt. and Genl John Coffees, Brigade, having this day reported himself for duty, is ordered to hold his company of Cavalry in readiness, to move with me as soon as the new raised troops can be organised, a suf=ficient supply of provisions will be on shortly and a movement is contemplated about the 25th. Inst. - he will march his company to the most convenient point for forage and supplies - report himself to me and await my orders -

Signed Andrew Jackson
Majr Genl

Genl. Order To
Capt. Jno. Baskerville
Feby 1st 1814

Mount Vernon February 1st 1814

Dear General —

I feel my self in duty bound under existing Circumstances to turn my attention to my private Concerns — at the same time feel a delicasy in resining a Commission which I have prided my self in holding under your Command — However Necessity obliges me to request your excellency to accept it, & at the same time tender you my warmest acknowledgements for your unremitted attention to me, and feel my self much indebted to your Politeness —

I wait with eager expectation the result of my request, and your Compliance will Confer a Lasting obligation on your excellency's — Dutiful Soldier —

Nicholas Packridge Lieut.

F. L. Claiborne —
Br. General Commd.

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Lt Lockridge
Resignation
Feby 1st 1814

Brigadier General
F. L. Claiborne Commanding
Mount Vernon

Mount Vernon Feby 4th 1814

Sir

after viewing the situation of our Redgment and finding that in a short time our fource will be to small to attempt any forther opperations against our Savage foes this winter. and that their is a sufficiant number of offices Who wish to stay. I beg Leave to tender you this my Resignation as Capt in the firs Redgment of Mississippi teritty Volunteers.

Altho it is my wish to Return home at this time. Let me beg Leave to asure you that shoula my Country Require and health permit you will ever finde me Reddy to step fourth in its Defence after thanking you for the honour you have Confared on me in your appointment as Capt in the Volunteers & Wishing you and My Brother officers all happiness may you Long Live is the wish of your Most obit

Humb. Servant

Genl

F L Claiborne

Hans Morrison Capt

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Capt. Morrisons
Resignation
1st Feby 1814

The Honorable
F. L. Claiborne Brig
Brigadier Genl
Commanding, Mount
Vernon

Fort Deposit February the 1th 1814

Dear General I have on yesterday returned to this
place with my Company Regularly Mustered in for
three Months by Colo. Hays at Batesville on the 28th
of Janaury and according to your permetion to me—
there time is up on the 28th of Aprile— and on that day
I have give them my word— there time is up— a finer
Set of boys never Came to fort Deposit nor a willinger
Set to do work— the are all my nighest Neighbours— the know
me and I know them— I did not Deceive them in the least
but told them what the had to do before the Came to the
place— Dear Genl there is Sevral men now wants this
place and the Command of it— now Sir be So good as
to Inform me by Letter whether I am to Command or Some
one to be over me— I have no objections to have a
Commander over me if he is any Reasonable man So
that he does not Command my men— the will not be
Commanded by any body Else but myself Except it is ~~you~~
yourself and alltogather from my Statment to them
that the ware not to be moved from this place Ex
=cept the Indians Came to the Neighbourhood of heare
and then the are all to turn out to aman to go any
Reasonable Distance to Suppress the Enamy— in which
there is no daubt but the will all do there utmost
— be no how oneasy of the wellfare of this place

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I have herd of your last Excursion among the damled Creeks— and will if I Live when my time is up here Raise another Valenteer Camping to go and fight them one time— if they are not Conquared between this and then— I never have hd the Chance of a fight with them yeat— any man be him friend or foe that is acquainted with me knows I am a Soldier ———

plese give my Compliments to Brother Bale I would have wrote to him but are very busy onloading a Boat Load of Corn and flower— Major Bradly is well— Genl Coffee went on from here this morning in good Spirits— to Dittoes Landing in a Boat with the Rest of his Escort horses and all in the Same

Dear Sir I am yours Respectfully

Jas. Reed

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

James Read
17 Feby 1816

Major General
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother

Dear Sir

I avail myself of the Powers vested in you by Genl. Flurnoy's order to accept the resignation of any Vol. Officers under your command.

In justification for tend[e]ring my commission at this unseasonable crisis I plead my ill state of health, my object in entering the army was to render service when my health failed me that object became defeated. Your knowledge of my situation I flatter myself will place the acceptance of my resignation beyond the reach of doubt.

I have the honor to be Sir
Esteem and respects
your obed.t Hmbl. Svt.

His Excellency Brigd. Genl.
Ferdinand L Claiborne

Benjamin Salvage
1 Lt.

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~~Major Smoot's~~ Letter
to
Govr. Claiborne
Feby 7th 1814

Resignations

His Excellency Brigr. Genl.
Ferdinand L Claiborne

His Excellency Brigr. Genl.

Ferdinand L Claiborne

~~Major [illegible]~~ Letter
to
Genl. Claiborne
Feby 7th 1814

Resignations

Colo Rd. Brown
to Genl Jackson

dated Feby 2d 1814
Recd Feby 4th. 1814

At home Feby 2nd 1814

Dr Genl

I understand you have Recd an Express from the secretery of War. If there should be any thing worth my attenention therein contains that you would feel a disposition to communicate to me, please inform me by the first oportunity — If you are, or may be inform of any thing. or from any source whatever that would be of any advantage to me you will please communicate so much of the same as you may think proper, as I wish to be acquainted with the situation of the present war, and its progression. as much as possible —

You know myself & the men from my Town has faught with you in every battle we now want to rest a little we must prepare for making corn for our familys. and wants your opinion respecting the danger that may be this spring in our planting Corn in our fields If you should think it too hazard-ous we will go into an Island cut down the Cane & plant corn there. I want to get the Ground ready & then I will take my warriors & go with you

I am. Dr Sir your friend & Brother

Richd Brown

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Maj^r Genl

Andrew Jackson

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Ditto's Landing Feby. 2nd 1814

Dear Sir

I hope you will not think me troublesome when I request you to Certify to Col. Pope, what use the Flour was put to that Capt. David Smith ~~put~~ took out of my Boat, as the Col. requires a Certificate to that amt. before he will pay me for it, be good enough to write what is necessary, as soon as you can with convenience as I am about to start to N. Orleans in a few days

your Friend

J. Brownlow

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J. Brownlow to
Genl Jackson dated
Feby 2nd 1814

Majr Genl Andrew Jackson
politeness of
Mr. Mitchell

Huntsville 2nd February 1814

Pursuant to Genl. Order
^ Captain Eli Hammond, and his company of Rangers will repair to some convenient point in Madison County, and forage his horses, - as soon as Capt. Hammond establishes an encampment he will report to Major Genl. A. Jackson, and await his orders,

Jno. Coffee
Brigadier Genl.

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Copy of Order

to

Captn. Hammond

2nd Feby. 1814

Camp Blount Feby 2nd 1814

Sir Yesterday I started the 2nd Regiment of my Brigade with orders to march by way of Huntsville to Fort Deposit and wait there unless otherwise ordered, untill the whole army arrives

This day I started the first Regiment with the same orders tomorrow evening the third Regiment will also take up the line of march and myself and staff

We shall join you at head quarters as soon as the nature of the case will admit of it; a copy of my division orders is herewith inclosed, which will shew you the deficiency of my Brigade — My staff is composed of the following persons: Thos. Claiborne, Aid-de-camp; Robert Estes, Brigade Inspector; Plummer Willis, Brigade Major; John Smith; Adjutant Cave Johnson, Quarter Master; William C. Conrad, Depy Q. Master; John A Cheatham Secretary; Thomas Brown Surgeon & John Morgan Waggon master—

I am sure when we concentrate our forces with those under your com=mand, you will have it in your power to march to any place you

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may wish, in the Creek nation, for I can
assure you, I never saw an Army of
more determined troops, wishing to meet
their ~~country~~ foes & avenge their coun-
=tries wrongs - I am pleased with
the officers - After being mustered into
service, I have prescribed rules for their
Government, which I think will meet
your approbation and no doubt of
the greatest harmony existing amon-
=gst us; & the same when we concentrate
with the heroes under your command

I am your excellencies
Obdt Servt
Thos Johnson BG
T. M.

Maj. Genl. Andw Jackson

To Genl. Jackson date
Feby 2nd 1814

Recd 7th Feby —

Majr. Genl.
Andrew Jackson
Head Quarters
Fort Strother

Majr Genl

Andrew Jackson

Head quarters

Fort Strother

Majr Smith

To Genl Jackson &c

Feby 2nd 1814

Recd 7 Feby —

Canoe-Creek
2nd Feby 1814

Sir,

I am water bound at this creek with a Packet from Genl. Doherty and take the liberty to forward it by my Pilot.

The water is falling and I expect to cross tomorrow. The Beaver (Tuquamee) has nothing to subsist on, and will expect (agreeably to my promise) to be furnished during tomorrow.

I have the honor to be
Sir respectfully your Obt. Servt.

A. H. Spoor Add,

Major Genl. Jackson

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Major E. H. [illegible] to
Genl. Jackson dated
Feby 2nd 1814

Recd. Feby 3rd 1814

Major Genl. A. Jackson
Fort Strother

Major Genl A. Jackson
Fort Strother

Major E. H. [illegible] to
Genl Jackson dated
Feby 2nd 1814

Recd Feby 3rd 1814

Camp Allen Madison County
3rd. February 1814

Genl. Jackson

[illegible] the road near this place this evening I have met with Captain David Smith, who tells me he is going on directly to you by whom I send this line — I have just recd. a line from Capt. Kavanaugh informing me that he is at Camp Blount with a company of mounted men and that Capt. Thomas Williamson is hourly expected there with a company of mounted men also. Capt. David Smith has with him about half a company, and many others are expected, I am at a loss how to dispose of those that formerly were of my Brigade, — upon the whole I have concluded to halt them on Elk river near Fayetteville where corn is cheap, untill your orders can be received, will thank you to send them such orders or advice as you may feel disposed to give for their government, if directed to Captain Charles Kavanaugh, he can order the balance —

I have had a conversation with Col Perkins of this County, he seems much mortified at past events relation to his connection &c. and have asked as a favour that I would write you requesting that himself at the head of a Regt. from Madison County could be rec[illegible] he is desirous of retrieving the lost reputation of his family. says if recd into the service there will

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be no difficulty in his furnishing the men, he is anxious that you would write him a line on the subject the earliest possible, to the end that he prepare for the campaign or decline it, ——

I have performed the ride thus far very well, and hope to reach home without any difficulty, my wound is doing very well, ——

Respectfully Dr. Sr. your obt Servt

Jno. Coffee Brigr. Genl.

To Genl. Jackson, dated
Feby 3rd 1814

Major Genl.
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother

Capt. D. Smith

Major Genl.
Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Capt. D. Smith

To Genl. Jackson, dated
Feby 3d 1814

Camp Blount, Feby 3rd 1814

Division Orders.

The Brigr Genl commanding the 4th 5th 6th 7th 8th 9th Brigades composing the 2nd division of the Militia of Tennessee will without delay organize & send to this place the Quotas of Infantry herein assigned to their respective Brigades to make up the deficiency of which was to have rendezvoused on the 28th Ultimo in conformity to my order of the 5th.

The Brigr Genl will march this day or to morrow for head Quarters at fort Strother on Coosa River; but will leave an officer to receive the troops as they arrive, to march immediately to join the Army, the Brigr Genl regrets to find such a deficiency when his orders of the 5th Ultimo commanded prompt obedience, the cause no doubt from which it arose was the omission in duty of the field officers of Regiments in not holding Courts marshal to enquire into the delinquencies of their regts

I know the Militia are brave and would

marching

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to join the brave who have proved themselves such. The 4th Brigade will furnish 69 men

5	Do	Do	289	Do
6	Do	Do	132	Do
7	Do	Do	326	Do
9	Do	Do	127	Do

They are ordered to rendezvous at this place on the 15th instant equipt as the Law directs for active service at which place they will they will be under the command of Col. Steel who is station for the purpose of receiving them

Thos Johnson B.G.
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War Dept.
Feb. 4. 1814

Sir

Since the receipt of your letter of Decr. 30th. the Governor of Tennessee has been required to call out — militia to reinforce your command & provide for the exigencies of the Service in that quarter, in which he is also required to consult the commanding General.

I have the honor to be,
very respectfully Sir
Your ob. Servant
John Armstrong

General A. Jackson
Fort Strother

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The Honble John Armstrong
to Genl. Jackson, dated
Feby. 4th. 1814

Fayetteville 4th February 1814—

Captain Charles Kavanaugh, will halt his company at some convenient place in this neigh=bourhood where he can purchase forage, and remain untill he recives orders from Major Genl. Jackson, to whom I have reported, your compa=ny, you will take under your command, Cornet Edmonson & such of Capt. Smiths company as are here in Service & provide for them, & if Capt. Williamson requires it, provide for his company in like manner you will order the contractor of this place to furnish your command with Rations at such place as you may establish your encampment.

In as much as good order & discipline in all armys are necessary to quallify them for Valuable service you are Requested to establish A regular camp police the earlist possible, And have the men under your command exercised and drilld. at regular ours twice each day, and impress it on the minds of your men the Great necessity of such course of conduct, for without discipline an army is nothing more than A Mobb, of whom no good can ever be expected

Jno. Coffee
Brigr. Genl.

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Order to Captn.
Kavanaugh
4th. February 1814

Camp Near Fort Hull 4 O'clock P.M.

February 4th 1814

Major Genl. Jackson

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Communications of the 29th and 31st Ultimo, together with the account of your several Engagements with the Enemy, and Congratulate you on your Successes.

I marched from this place with the army on the 26th ult., with a scanty supply of provisions, lest any delay should disappoint you, who Calculated I had no doubt on the movements Contemplated when I last wrote to you.

It was my intention to Cross the Tallapoosa at Took-aubatchee, in order to attack the Enemy at Hoith-lee-wa-lee as I had before informed you; But I had not proceeded more than Seven Miles, when I found it impracticable to transport our Baggage over a Country interspersed with boggy Reedy branches in heavy loaded Waggons; I immediately Came to the determination to Send my Tents, and Cooking Utensils back to Fort Hull, divide the Ammunition, and Entrenching tools between Several Waggons and pack our provisions on the Cavalry horses, and prosecute the march early the next morning being within Seven or Eight Miles of the ford. But this arrangement was frustrated by the Enemy the next morning, who made a furious attack on our Camp which for the Conveniency of Ground was in the form of a parrallelo-gram; I have been well informed that they had united the Whole force of the Coosa, and Tallapoosa, with the Exception of the Oakfuskies, to prevent my forming a Junction with your Army. For the result and Particulars, I must refer you to the inclosed Official Copy of the report.

The detention Occasioned by the Necessary

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provision, and Care of the wounded, Compelled me to put the Army on half Rations, which in addition to the Sickness, that prevailed by an eruptive fever, producing 20 new Cases of a day, and the uncertainty of receiving Supplies: So dispirited the men who now lost all hopes of being enabled to penetrate further into the Enemies Country (without the risk of Starvation) at an End, besides this the men had been Called into Service in Summer attire which is now worn out and the men nearly naked, the Expiration of their term of Service, and the Season for agricultural pursuits fast approaching, many of the men are poor, and their families dependent on their labors for Support, began to reflect on their Situation, and Consult their interest, and happiness; disaffection soon began to discover itself, and I possess no means, but by orders, & threats which would have avails nothing in Checking a Sentiment that but too generally pervades the ranks, and required considerable address to overcome, a resort to force without means would have broken up the army; I therefore without Effecting to know existing malcontents, Ordered the Army to fall back to this place under the pretext of affording Security to the Garrison, to rest the Army, and get the Sick and wounded to a place of greater Security; hoping by these means to gain time for some favorable Change. the last Rations was Exhausted, when fortuneately a few Waggons arrived with Flour

I Expect in a few days to be reinforced by a Part of the 8th Regt. A part of the Quota of South Carolina Militia I am informed passed Petersburgh in Georgia on the 29th ulto. they are from both the Carolinas Expected to Rendezvous at Fort Hawkins on the 10th Inst.

In Justice to the Militia under my Command I can assert that they are brave, and have Entered the Service with great Zeal, have yielded to Subordination, and acquired discipline as long as they Entertained a hope of rendering Service but they have been Shamefully Supplied, and kept Stationary from Necessity, they have never advanced without the risk of

Starvation, and have been for days without meat without a murmur. Six Companies of Light Dragoons of as fine fellows as ever drew a blade were attached to the Army who for the want of Supplies have been obliged to forage on the frontiers of Georgia, with the Exception of one troop at a time which has been kept with the army, one troop of them have at length dismounted and Joined me

I am informed by General Pinckney that abundant Supplies, both for this, and Your Army will soon be lodged at Fort Mitchell on the Chattahouchee, A Rainy Season will render the transportation very difficult, the Enemy have destroyed the Bridges between this, and the River and obstructed the Roads, and fords of Creeks, which will require much labor to remove

I recd on the 26th ult despatches from Colonel Russell of the 3rd Regiment who is at Alabama heights. and is Constructing boats at Rock Weathersford to ascend the River, in Co-operation with our forces. I have urged him to use all possible diligence, and Expect he will soon beset the Enemy with his Regulars and some local Militia; Permit me to assure you Sir, that I have made every Exertion to Second your Views, and had the Army under my Command, been well found they would have done more than is required of them.

Some of the friendly Indians Came in this Morning with the Scalp of (the turkey Cock) one of the War party who they killed last night near Tookautatchie; It is Stated that their women and Children are running off nearly famished and would desert if they Could.

I have the honor to be very Respectfully
Your Mt. Obt. Sert

Jno Floyd

P.S. please apprize me of your movements. I yet hope to Effect Something important
J.F.

Genl. Jno. Floyd To
Genl. Jackson dated
February 4th 1814

Recd. Feby 8th 1814

Containing his official report
of the battle near the Tallapoosa
on the 27th. Jany 1815

Huntsville 4th February 1814

Dear General

This morning I arrived at this place

in the vicinity, Col. Higgins commanding the

first Regiment, and Col. Cheatham the second

are encamped, Col. Copeland of the 3rd is

about six miles in the rear. the mounted

infantry and Cavalry are yet at Camp Blount

I marched the regiments seperate in order

to expedite my junction with you —

my last mornings reports

exhibits the strength as follows

1st Regmt.	592
2 Regmt.	477
3 Regmt.	544
Brigd. & Staff officers	10
Mounted infantry	66
Cabalry	27
Total	1716

Besides the old Volunteers of Captns. Smiths

and Kavannaughs and some joined the Regmts

since I received my last reports —

I left Col. Hunt. the Senior Lt. Col, at Camp

Blount in order to bring up the Assessments

I am told upwards of one hundred from
Jackson and White Counties will join them
morning; I have sent my Division orders to
the Brigd. Genl. in the 2d division to send on
the number wanting to complete my
brigade to Rendezvous at Camp Blount
the fifteenth Instant. This day from ad-
=vice recd from Genl. Coffee and Maj. Reid
I shall continue encamped in this neigh-
-bourhood until I receive your orders, should
you command my advance immediately no
doubt I shall have 2.000 and in a short
time after the 15th the quota of my Brigade
of 2500. A copy of my orders and other
papers I enclose you by Capt Smith.—
Tomorrow I shall order the Cavelry and
mounted infantry to continue at Camp
Blount until I here from you—
your orders as soon as practicable are
wanted for

I am yours Respectfully

Thos Johnson B.G.
T.M.

Feby 5th 1814.

Last evening 10 OClock I had the pleasure of receiving yours of the 1st Instant by Capt. Deaderick

(Copy)

Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Creek Nation

By express

Genl. Jno. Johnston
To Genl. Jackson, dated
Feby 4th 1814

Recd. Feby 7th

Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Creek Nation

By express

Genl. Jno. Johnston
To Genl. Jackson, dated
Feby 14th 1814

Rec: Feby 17th

Huntsville 4th Feby 1814—

My Dear Genl

By an Order from Genl Coffee a furlough is Granted to that part of his Brigade that stood firm in the cause untill further Orders - or Orders from the Commander in Chief— under existing circumstances it is probable that the Government may not ~~call~~ again call on the Brigade, ~~should~~ should that be the case that they will not be calld on, I shall be laying on my Oars - while I should be happy in dooing what I could for the benefit of the Service

Should you have further use for Quarmaster Ross in the Service, he will with pleasure follow you through the Campaign—

I have the Honour to be with high esteem, your Obt Servant

A. B. Ross

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N. B. Rose To Genl
Jackson dated Feby
4th 1814

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

in camp half way from Fort Strother
to Deposit 6 February 1814
Major General Andrew Jackson
Sir the Moment receive Information
that my Regiment for want of
Forrage supplys at fort Deposit
have been Compelled to Cross the
Tennessee River I am Informed
they made halt at or over the
Fifteen Miles untill I can take
them. Should I find supplys
Convenient to be obtayned at
that place I will remain
there untill I advise you
of my Situation & receive your
further orders - as it will

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be more convenient to Reach point
Plawtha on - any Emergency that
might require my services from
that point than it would be from
the Head of Elk - I shall advise
you in the course of the ensuing
week of my place of
Encampment situation &
supply &c

Your with due
Respect your most
obedient humble servt
John Brown Col

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To Genl. Jackson, dated
Feby 5th 1814

Recd. Feby 7th 1814

Major General
Andrew Jackson
Commanding &c
Col Williams } Fort Strother

Major General

Andrew Jackson

Col Williams } Commanding, &c
} Fort Strother

Recd Feby 7th 1814

To Genl Jackson, dated
Feby 5th 1814

Fort Armstrong February 5th 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Sir

I have arrived at this

Post agreeable to an order from Major Genl.
John Cocke I sent you an Express by Capt. Berry
but Received no answer and am at a loss to know
what to do I have been informed that you intend
to detach the men under my Command to the Troops
from west Tennessee who deserted your Camp to make
a command for Colo. Snodgrass I could by no means
agree to be detached in that way my men would
Spurn at the Idea, but if you have any men
that is soldiers we will Receive them with pleasure
I have came out with a View to Share the fatigues
and hardships of the Campaign with the Rest of my
Country men together with the Laurels if any
I have this moment sent an Express for the Balance
of the Quota Called for from the 8th Brigade
Tennessee Militia which is about Eighty men
together with what I have Received will make
about four hundred as Brave men as any in the
world With Due Respect I am Sir Yr. Mo.
Obt. Hble. Sert.

Thomas C. Clarke Major
Commanding the Detachment
from 8th Brigade Tennessee
Militia

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Major Genl
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother
Ten Islands or
Else where

Express

Maj. Gn. [illegible]
To Genl Jackson
dated Feby 6 1814

Major Genl
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother
Ten Islands or
Elsewhere

Express.

Maj. Thos. C. Clark
To Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 6th 1814

Huntsville Feby 5th. 1814.

Brigade Orders.

Col. R. C. Napier commanding the 1st regim-
-ent of Militia now in the service of the US.
will tomorrow morning draw for his regt
four days rations and the necessary forage for
the horses attached thereto and immediate
-ly take up the line of march for Fort Deposi
at which place he will employ one Battalion
in building the necessary houses to complete
the garrison; the other in making the road
good by causewaying, bridging & digging
banks from Deposit to fort Strother and to
give all the necessary assistance in the trans
portation of the provisions from fort Depos
-it to fort Strother; he will particularly
attend to the discipline of his camp & the

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post committed to his care and continue
in that duty until further ordered.

Thomas Johnson B.G.
T. Militia.

P.S. You will give aid to the trans-
portation of the artillery now sending
by Capt. Sikes to Fort Strother.

T. J.

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Brigade Orders

to

Col. Napier.

Feby 5th 1814

A Copy

Fort Armstrong Feby 5th 1814

Major Genl. A. Jackson

Sir owing to high-water and bad Roads I only arrive here Last evening where I found major John Walker with Eighty Cherokees. The Ridge. Lowry. Shoe boots & James Brown with their Respective parties were expected in a few days. I have advised them of your wishes and trust they will act in conformity with them. The Cherokees here were intent on an excurtion into the Creeks. and it was with diffeculty I could prevail on them to Relinquish the enterprise I have been able to procure their promise to Remain I shal. (I believe) order them to Roses or deposit provisions are Scarce here. and no prospect that would authorise me in believing there will be a Supply in a Reasonable time

I found at this place. Major. Thos. C. Clark Commanding the Malitia from the 8th Brigade who appears Mortifyed inasmuch as he has not Recd. your orders—this Gentleman appears devoted to the Service and if expressions are to be Recd. as testimony he is certainly Strongly attacht to your person and Character. he has Served Several years in the Regular army. and as far as his knowledge extends. I have no hesitation in believing he will perform his own. and exact the duty of his Men he Complains of a deficiency of Eighty Men who he Represents as having Volunteerd or deserted into Col. Browns Battation of Mounted Men for three months: he has Required from their Respective

Counties a number Sufficient to make up their Respective Quotas

I Shall Loose no time in Communicating to the Cherokees your wishes. I Shall visit the most principle and influential Characters personly. it is at this time out of My power to Say where Communications from you would meet Me. I will However Suggest the propriety of Making them through Major Baxter. Accept the professions of My Respect. Esteeme.

Gideon Morgan Jr
C.C.C. Forces,

Col^o. Geo. Morgan
To Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 5th. 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Head Quarters of Army

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson

Head Quarters S. Army

Col. Gid. Morgan
To Genl. Jackson
dated May 5th 1814

This is to certify that William Cumpston wagon and four horses was valued at three hundred and seventy five dollars when he entered service and it is our oppinion when his wagon was discharged it was worth one hundred and seventy five dollars with the loss of one horse

John Nichols
Thos Saunders

Thay Entered the servis the 5 Feb 1814 and sd Cumpston was to have four dollars pr day while he found sd team and three dollars pr day not found sd Cumpston recd fifteen dollars in advance from Capt Douglass
Wm Cumpston

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Head Quarters }
Sixth & Seventh } Fort Hawkins 5th February 1814 —
Districts — }

Sir,

A Letter which I had the honor of addressing to you by Express on the 28th ulto. contained the following paragraph "Having now sent off supplies sufficient to "last General Floyd's Army for the remainder of their term "of service, I shall be able in three weeks from this time "to place on the Talipoosa, sufficient provisions to support "your Detachment (provided it shall not exceed 1500 Men) "for ten day or a fortnight, and from that time we can "keep up the supply from this State: If therefore your "march is retarded for want of provisions, and you can "collect sufficient to supply your troops during their "operations in advancing to the confluence of the Rivers, "you need not prepare supplies sufficient to maintain "your detachment on its return: but it is essential "that you should give me immediate information of your "force and intention, that adequate preparations may be "made". — Since writing the above General Floyd has again defeated the Indians while on his march to, and within eight miles of the Tuckabatchie old Town at the bend of the Talipoosa — the official account of

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of which action is herewith. — But having with him but a scanty supply of provision, and his Men's time having nearly expired, he has been compelled to abandon the Idea of advancing, and by a letter received from him yesterday dated from the battle ground on the 1 February he informs me that he should retreat the next day to Fort Hull 7 miles in his rear, and after providing for the safety of his sick and wounded should retire to Fort Mitchell on the Chatahouchie. —

Under these circumstances, Sir, you must not rely on any co-operation from these Troops immediately neither should you proceed to the forks of the River unless you can bring a full supply of provision with you, because although I have made a Contract which is now executing for placing the Quantity of provision mentioned in the above extract on the Chatahouchie, this retrograde movement of the Georgia Troops will prevent it from ~~advancing~~ being conveyed to the Tallapoosa which is distant about 55 miles & completely in possession of the Indians. —

The advance of the South Carolina Militia consisting —

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consisting of about 1000 Men who are to relieve the Georgians passed Milledgeville yesterday; they will probably be here on Sunday next the 8th February and reach Fort Mitchell on the Chatahouchie on the 13th or 14 of the Month. — The North Carolina Troops will probably not reach that post before the end of the Month. — When the whole are assembled the disposable force to act in the Field after leaving garrisons in the intermediate posts, will consist of about 1500 Militia; between two & three hundred Regulars & probably from three to five hundred friendly Creek Indians. — As soon as they shall have established themselves on the Talipoosa and a sufficient supply of provision shall have been placed thereon I will give you information by express: before which you must not rely upon any support of Men & provisions from this Quarter.

The Dragoons to convey our Communications are ordered to their stations as far as at the Standing Peach tree, as soon as yours are at their Posts our communication will I hope be much more frequent and expeditious. — Be

Be pleased to inform me fully of your situ=ation, plan of proceeding and every circumstance with which you think I should be informed —

I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir

Your most obedient Servant.

Thomas Pinckney

Major General Jackson.

Majr. Genl. Thos. Pinckney
To Genl. Jackson, dated
Fort Hawkins Feby 5th. 1814

Recd. Feby 12th. 1814

Hunts Ville 5 Feb 1814

Dear Genl

I have made but poor Progress in geting men to Return withe me I have only twenty three on my way I met Genl Coffe he advised me to Stop my men on this Side of the River & Report to you I await your Order (whitch I do) this will be handed you by Capt Hammond by Whom I hope to get answer I am your friend & wish you to Consider me as Satch

David Smith

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NB I hope the Storm of Sedition
is Prety well Blown over I hope
your Latter days will be your
best days Genl Johnstons Brigade
appears Determined to adhear to Subordination
I tell the officers if they think
that they cannot fight or be sabor to
they had better go home before they
Cross the River   D Smith

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Captⁿ D. ~~Smith~~ to
Genl Jackson
dated 3rd Feby 1814

Recd 7th Feby 1814

Maj Gen A. Jackson
Fort Strother

Majr Genl A. Jackson

Fort Strother

Capt. D. Smith 2
Gen. Jackson
dated 5th July 1814
Recd. 16th July 1814

(Copy)

Rossville February 8th – 1814.–

Sir,

I received your requisition some time since requiring Rations at Rosses, which rations are to be issued in the Bound of another Contractor you will direct me how to dispose of the Rations as I shall have a Large supply of Bread-stuff there against the first day of March. I did not conceive myself bound by my Contract to comply with the Requisition but however to forward the Campaign have purchased largely and rely on your goodness for safety. you will direct me by the first opportunity to Rosses.

I am yours in haste

(Signed) B. McGhee

Major Genl Pinckney.–

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B. McGhee
to
Genl Pinckney
15th February 1814.

Copy
Letter
dated

My Dear Genl 7th Decmr 1814

In Obediance to your Orders I went
as far as Camp Ross whare I met the East
Tennessee troops & Mr Massengale with four
hundred Barrels of Flour Mr Tailor had Eighty
Barrels of Corn meal which I agreed to take
at the price of five dollars per barrell delivered at Camp
opposit + Mr Ragland the agent for the Contractor
Informs me that he has including the Flour delivered
by Mr Massengale about Six hundred & twenty =
barrals of Corn Meal about 250 bushels about
two hundred bushels of Corn Came down the river
with me to this place it is said that Several ~~boat~~
boat loads of corn is Expected in a few days but
this report I cannot rely on there is not thirty bushels
of Corn at this place except what was brought
down ~~the river~~ when I came down my object in
returning was to Endeavour to render any Service
in my power there is about Six thousand weight
of pork at this place & the Contractors agent in
1313 form me that there is two hundred thousand weight 219

Salt ud[?] at hunts Ville I iear with pleasure
that we shall be able to get the trops to
your head quaters in a few days in the
mean time I shall be at Stephens Laceis
will Receive with pleasure your Commands
at Delots Landing if my maie is found
be so good as to send her on to me at that
place as I wish to recruit her if possable
as she is well broake and of good speed

Yours Most affectionately

Wm Cocke

P S The orders you sent
to Genl Cocke I sent on
by Express W C

Col^o Wm Cocke to
Genl Jackson
dated Feby 7th 1814

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Major Genl Andrew Jackson
Camp Strother
Ensign Hindman

Colo. Wm. Cocke to
Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 7th. 1814

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Major Genl. Andrew Jackson
Camp Strother

Ensign Hindman

Col. Wm. Cocke to
Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 7th 1814

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Major Genl Andrew Jackson
Camp Strother
Ensign Hindman

Huntsville Feby. 7th 1814

Brigade Orders

The commandant of the 1st Regiment will attend particularly to my order of the 5th instant. He is further directed when he arrives at Fort Deposit to cause the waggons fit for service from his Regiment and others that may arrive to be constantly engaged in the transportation of provisions from Fort Deposit to Fort Strother discharge such waggons as may not be fit for service.

He will as directed in the aforesaid order see to the discipline of his troops & the good order of the camps; playing cards in camp is not admissable furloughs are not to be given for a longer time

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time than six hours unless upon
extraordinary occasions.

He will cause his first Second
Majors or in their stead two Capts.
to attend at Fort Strothers on the 15th.
instant as members of a court marshal
that day to commence

Thomas Johnson B.G.
T. Militia

Col. Rich. C. Napier

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Brigade Order

to

Col^o. Napier

A Copy

Feby. 7th. 1814.

Head Quarters, Huntsville Feby 7th 1814

Brigade Orders

Col. Robert Steel now at Camp Blount collecting the 4th Regiment will immediately on the receipt of this order press all the arms that he can obtain, all the axes and spades that can be got and Camp equipage of every description, he will obtain all those articles from the volunteers to be mustered out of service tomorrow they will not murmur in giving up their arms, they have fought bravely and deserve well of their country, and know that the brave now advancing can do nothing without arms. All the above articles that you obtain send to me immediately to this place. Inclosed is a copy of the receipts you are to give those from whom you get guns, you will also receipt for the other articles.

Col. Robt. Steel

Tho. Johnson B. G. T. M.

A true copy,
Attest
J. H. Smotham Sec.y

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Genl. Johnstons or-
der to Col. Steel of
Feby 7th. 1814

Nashville
Feb 8th 1813 [1814]

Dr General

In the absence of the Gov I have the Honor to transmit copies of two letters received from the War Depar=tment —

In Haste
yr friend
W G Blount

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Wm G. Blount to
Genl Jackson dated
Nashville Feby 8th 1814

Recd Feby 14th 1814

Major General

Andrew Jackson

at

Fort Strother

Madison County M. T. February 9th 1814

Majr Genl. A. Jackson

Dear Sir,

I beg leave to represent to you, that myself & company arrived safe at home a few days ago. But I can assure you Sir so far from being fatigued or tired in the service of my country, the short tour which I have taken has acted as a stimulus to excite me to still greater exertions; And to render every assistance in my power to prosecute the campaign against the Indians, which has thus far happily succeeded. Shortly after I left Fort Strother I met Capt Eldrige the present acting Capt of the company, which have charge of the pack horses, he apprized me of his intention to leave the service, and requested me to take the place. I without any hesitation informed him I should be extremely Glad to procure the appointment, I have since conversed with Coln Pope upon the subject, he thinks there will be no difficulty in getting the appointment; I therefore beg leave to assure that if the place is vacant you will confer a singular favour upon me by giving me the appointment; I hope dear Genl you will consider me as ready & willing to act all times & in any capacity under your command. ~~I am with Respect Yr~~

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with sincere wishes for your health & happiness

I am dear Genl. Your most obt. Hbl. St.

Samuel A. Allen

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson
Present
Fort Strother
Genl. Roberts
Creek Nation

Capt. Saml. A. Allen
to Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 14th 1814

Recd. Feby 14th 1814

Capt. Saml. A. Allen
to Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 14th 1814

Recd. Feby 14th, 1814

with sincere wishes for your health & happiness
I am dear Genl
Yours most obt. H. St.
Samuel A. Allen

Majr Genl. Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother
Creek Nation
Politeness of
Genl. Roberts

fort Deposit february 9th 1814
General Andrew Jackson sir in
obedience to your orders I shall pay
every attention to send on provisions
to fort strowther such as flower and
meal all medical stores all tooles for
building boats and etc and everything
else agreeable to your order that comes to
this place every attention shall be paid by
me that lies in my power sir I have taken
some liberties at this place respecting
the malitia from east tennessee there
is capt king capt allen capt McKneer
and capt howell that was on their march
to fort strawther they drew provisions
from this place capt king was hear two days
before I saw col carrell I mentioned to
him that I thought you did not want any
men at fort strawther col Carrell told
me that he wood order him to stay at
this post till further orders & being in a
hurry forgot issuing that order then sir
I took the liberty to issue my order as com
manding this post to this amount to order
capt king and the rest of the captains to report
and stop the line of their march till further
orders sir I have not received their reports
in full but expects to receive them in full
this morning so soon as I receive them I
shall report the same to you sir if they are
to be continued any time at this place please
send on your order as I may no how to imploy them
in such things as you think conveniant
sir their want repairs near this place
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also the place is in no kind of fix to answer the end of Deposit I have had eight of capt eldriges men some times a feu moor of that company for a fiew days they have been sickley hardley ever moor than six fit for duty at one time capt James Reed has come on to this post on the last day of Janry with sixteen men fit for duty as fine men and the most so that has ever been at this post looks for nothing els but to do their duty as for capt Reed no officer can pay moar attention for the good of this place than he dos sir it is out of my power to command those be foar mentioned militia with out a positive order from you to that amount to do their duty as they take every advantage lies in their power sir if they have to stay hear any time to be under my command I a shure you I will let them no their duty pointedly to the letter of the law sir I wood Gratify me moar to post those men up to strict duty than to command your army sir if you think my person fit to fill this request I shale expect to receive your order to that amount if not I hope it will be sent to whoom you think proper sir I am your most obedient and humble servt

John Bradley
Commandent
Fort Deposit

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Major Bradley to
Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 9th 1814

Recd. Feby 10th 1814

Maj. Genl. Andrew Jackson,
Attention of Fort Strother,
Mr. Boyte

Huntsville Feb 9th 1814

Dear Genl

I arrived here on Sunday last at which place I met Genl Johnstons Brigade of Militia. One regiment was sent forward by Genl Johnston agreeably to your order. The other two are detained at this place. I have them in hard training daily. The men are well disposed. On my arrival at head quarters you will see what can be done in a short time. I give this timely notice to Colo Williams, that on my arrival at head quarters I shall challange him for a days parade. I will not give up the principle that it is the officers makes the men and troops of what ever discription they may be with that advantage are valuable in proportion to the time they have been in the field. I am determined, if my exertions can accomplish the object, to have the present Militia superior to any troops you have ever had in the field.

Genl Johnston was not furnished with the mode of organizing the army. You have enclosed a consolidated return and a return of the different regts. I mentioned the propriety of consolidating some small companies: he objected on the principle that a

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number of delinquent drafts were still coming on sufficient to compleat the companies - Indeed in the inclosed ~~accounts~~ reports were made out upwards of 40 have come into camp - there are upwards of 800 at Fayettesville with Colo Steele making in all about 2000 - Genl. Johnston has issued orders to make up the deficiency -

I have sent on Majr Wyatte agreable to your directions informing him that you would give him the appointment of Adjutant to the men at headquarters -

Colo Brown has not recd his sword, I understand to day that Colo Napier has taken it on - he very cheerfully agreed to give the Choctaw a Scalp -

on my arrival at this place I mentioned to Genl Johnston the propriety of impressing arms from the returning volunteers to make up the deficiency in his Brigade - he sent to Fayettesville for that purpose - In fact we will have no dificulty on that head - he had before my arrival determined to send his baggage waggons to be employed in hauling to headquarters - he is a good easy man, but willing to do any thing - to morrow we will have a forge in operation to repair our arms -

Majr Haskell is actively employed in collecting waggons so is the hoary headed Judge Cooke with all the energy and vivacity of youth, his killing an Indian is a strong stimulus to action -

You will observe a long train of Staff officers belonging to Genl. Johnston, that he is not intitled too — I told him frankly, that he was not intitled to them, and that they would not be paid — I acquainted the men with their situation — I know of no Staff belonging to a Brigade but Aid - Brigade Inspector & B. Q. master I wish you would write the Genl. on the subject — he has also forage masters — I know of no such appointments to Infantry — all such business is done by the Quarter master & his assistants — I wish if convenient you would send the regulations of the army —

I shall continue to use my best exertions to prepare the men for the field — Genl. Johnston will move at a moments warning — we are well situated at the present encampment —

I am dear Genl. respectfully
Yr Mo. Obt. Servt.

Wm. Carroll

NB — The court martial is summoned agreeable to your order and will be up at the time appointed
I have sent after Genl. Roberts and Col. Brown

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Col. Wm Carroll To
Genl. Jackson
dated Huntsville Feby
9th 1814

Recd. Feby 12th 1814.

Major General
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother

Maj. Wyatt

an act making further provisions for the
army of the united States - passed the 16th of May
1812 section 7th

Col^o Wm Carroll To
Genl Jackson
dated Huntsville Feby
9th 1814

Rec^d Feby 12th 1814

Maj^r General
Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother

Maj^r Wyatt

an act making further provision for the army of the United States — passed the 16th of May 1812 Section 7th

My Dear, Genl Huntsville 9th Febru 1814

In Obediance to your order I met the
Troops from East Tennessee at Camp ~~Ross~~
Ross & proceeded with a part of the
& provisions to Camp Deposit & reported
to you on the State of the provisions at
that place I then thought it my duty to
repair to Huntsville where I found Col
Pope who is sending forward about three
hundred head of hoggs & is engaging what
he Can the Importance necessity that there
is for waggons to remove the provisions from
deposit immediately to you & the froward
ness of the troops has determined me to
send to the Counties of Tennessee nearest to engage
what waggons will be fully sufficient I shall
try to engage about one or two hundred that
the provisions may be sent on Immediately
as I am informed the roads will be made fit
for waggons to travel ~~...~~ from the State of
provisions as reported by Col. Pope it will

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Procure that number to meet your Views y
however you think that number of Waggons
will not be needed you will advise me
& I trust you will find that every Exertion
will be made to forward the Company
your Orders to me will be sent [illegible] by
Coll Bohn or Colo Burkett who I shall
request to forward your commands
to me Yours most respectfully

Wm Cocke

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Col. Wm Cocke, to
Genl Jackson, dated
Feby 9th 1814

Major Genl Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Col. Wm Cocke, to
Genl Jackson, dated
Feby 9th 1814

Fort Deposit February 9th — 1814

Dear Sir

for the want of Corn for the Horses we are detaind and Know not when it will come but expect it every moment, the Horses that are not fit for Service I have Sent to Capt Beahans mill in Maddison where they Can be fed at less expence to the Pubblick if they are left here they must Suffer and when they get fit for deuty they Can be Sent Back the Balance of the Horses I will Pack as Soon as I Can get Corn to take them to the ten Island, I feal a disposition to doing deuty if I know it and will render all the Service in my Power for the good of the Pubblick — which you may rely on, yours with Respect &c

Thomas. Caldwidge Capt
Commanding Pack Horses

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To Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 9th 1814

Recd. Feby 11th 1814

Major General Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother

Major General. Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Captain Eldridge
To Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 9th 1814

Recd. Feby 11th 1814

Huntsville Feby. 9th 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson,

Sir,

I arrived at this place late evening when I learned that Col. Hays had left this for Tennessee as had also Majors Hess and Rose. — I have endeavored to ascertain who the Col. had appointed his agents at this place to perform the duties of his department, but have not been able to discover any regular agency here. — The Col. previously to his leaving this place had ordered Genl. Johnston & Martin to procure 1000 lb. powder and 2000 lb. Lead and a quantity of Flints. The Lead I am informed cannot be obtained here. The Col. had also authorized Capts. Benton and Jones to purchase the Artillery horses required by Col. Williams — Col. Hays as well as I can learn from Col. Pope and others had sent up to Head Quarters all the necessary tools for Boat-building &c. as was required except some whip-saws which he could not obtain: — Learning it of the first importance I turned out last night and found one which I have forwarded this day and have heard of one more which I think I can procure. — That no time might be lost in the execution of your order I waited on Genl. Johnston at his Camp this morning before day and handed him your order of the 5th inst. relative to the employment of his Baggage-

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Waggons in taking up Provisions to Head Quarters which order the Genl. is promptly carrying into effect. With the assistance of what corn I had on hand I have been enabled to move on the army nineteen waggons each loaded with 27 Bushels corn exclusive of six I have procured myself and eleven of Colo. Napier's Regt now on the way to Deposit: making in all about 35 in motion. Mr. Ragsdale assistant Waggon Master, I understand is now in Lincoln County after the waggons. I have also sent Col. Cocke on this duty who will exert himself for the good of the service.

I shall send on more out immediately together with what I can catch at this place and when the Genl. satisfied, will be sufficient. However we shall not stop untill ordered.

I shall also make it a business to collect all the public arms I can find. Genl. Johnston has taken very energetic measures to provide arms and Camp Equipage for the use of this Brigade. He is impressing on all hands for that purpose. I could effect much more in the quarter masters department, if I knew precisely what quantities of supplies, munitions, Hospital Stores &c &c would be required to facilitate the speedy movement of the army. Whatever instructions you may think proper to forward me shall be immediately complyed with. The Contractors will write you what are their prospects. Messrs. Morgan & Smith will also write relative to Blankets Shoes &c &c

I will go and consult Col. Cotrell relative to supplies of Ammunition and the propriety of sending immediately to Col. Hays &c.

This much responsibility I have taken upon myself without any written instructions and shall continue to do so until I hear from you, believing that you will think with me, that it is necessary to facilitate the speedy movement of the Army under your Command and that without it your expectations cannot be fully realized nor you be prepared to meet the views of the Commander in Chief, Major Genl. Pinckney.

Be assured my Dear Genl. that I will banish sleep and bid defiance to fatigue until I have seen all your orders executed and the army on its march.

I am Sir very Respectfully

Your most Obedt. Servt.

Majr. Genl. A. Jackson
Head Quarters [illegible]

Joshua Haskell

P.S. You will excuse me for not signing my name officially for I know not what title to give myself in the variety of duty. J. Haskell

Major J. Haskell
To Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 9th 1814

Recd. Feby 12th 1814

Maj. Genl. Andrew Jackson
Fort Strother
Creek nation

Favd. by
Maj. Murphy

Majr. Genl. Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Creek nation

Favd. by—
Major Wyatt Esqr

Recd. Feby 12th 1814

Major B. Watkins
To Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 9th 1814

Huntsville July 9th 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson &c

Sir, Since writing of this date I have seen and conversed with Colo. Carroll in respect to procuring Lead from Nashville, who thinks with me that it will be important and that should it not be wanted (that is to say) 2000lb. he (Colo Carroll) will take it himself — I have understood this evening from Major Meridith who is attached to Colo. Napiers Regt that said Regt is destitute of the necessary tools for repairing roads from Deposit to Head Quarters In consequence of that report I shall proceed to procure a quantity of axes and some Mattocks grubbing hoes &c and then immediately forward ~~and~~ But I beg leave to suggest the propriety of sending to that post as many of the above named articles as can be spared from Fort Strother — The most of the tools except axes it is presumed may be sent on — From the scarcity of Forage at Deposit and ~~the~~ from the report of Capt Beaty, who thinks but little will come on untill the river swells, I shall cause all the waggons coming on, to take on Corn

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Any article which you may find wanting at Head Quarters, you have only to request, and it shall be furnished immediately and on the best possible terms. — Colo Corsett would make requisitions but he might like myself on that head, select the articles which is on hand and omitt the one most wanted. However that [illegible] may have agreed must be procured at any rate —

Powder, to any amount, may be furnished here, of the best quality, if required. —

There has been a requisition from Col Brown [illegible] from E. Tenn — for Tents, Cloth I know nothing about this article [illegible] The [illegible] may be at [illegible] for any thing I know, or they you may not think proper to advance any. — Cartridge paper is an important article, if it is not at [illegible], you will want it allowed. — A report from the Quarter Master's Department, at the time would be important that you might know what deficiency to supply —

Waggons with [illegible] [illegible], I fondly anticipate can be procured. —

I want and shall expect you further orders —

I am Sir with sentiments of
highest respects
and esteem —
Your most
Obt. Servt.

Majr Genl. A Jackson
Head Quarters, Fort Strother

Joshua Haskell
July 9th 1814 —
12 oclock at
night —

Major S. Haskell to
Genl. Jackson dated
Huntsville Feby 9. 1814 / 12

Recd. Feby 12th. 1814

Major Genl. Andrew Jackson
Head Quarters, Fort Strother
Creek Nation

Favd by
Maj. [illegible]

Major Genl Andrew Jackson
Head Quarters, Fort Strother
Creek Nation

Fav'd from
Major Wyatt

Major J. Hall to—
Genl Jackson dated 12
Huntsville Feby 9. 1814

Recd Feby 12th 1814

Camp Johnson. Feby 9th 1814.

Dear Genl) This Morning Majr Haskell called on me in camp, shewed me your instructions Relative to the wishes for movements of the Waggons, before receiving your instructions I conceived the necessity of having all the provisions possible transported to Strother, as I knew our movements must depend on supplies, I ordered all the Waggons fit for duty to load with Corn & long forage for fort deposit, (except those transporting the baggage of the first Regiment) the Waggon Master informs me that he has now loaded & to start this day 300 bushels of corn, those waggons, with those conveying the baggage of Colo Napiers Regiment to deposit the whole Twenty nine, is to be actively engaged in transporting provisions to fort Strother; Colo Napier has my Order to attend particularly to that business. also to make the necessary buildings, and make the road good agreeably Conformi=ty to your Order to me of the first instant. My Order is that the Waggons continue in that Service untill otherwise ordered; At the time Your Excellency order the Advance of my Brigade

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Waggons will be necessary for the transportation of our baggage; I have detained one for myself & Staff. one for each Regiment & Staff and one for each batalion, When the Movement becomes necessary; you can Order through Col. Napier or otherwise that the Waggons (or a sufficient No.) be sent to this place — I believe a quarter Master has gone to Tennessee from your headquarters for the purpose of procuring Waggons. its probable those may come on in time for my service I will keep you advised of this and other things that may Occur. I am yr Excellency's

Obt. Servt.

Thos. Johnson B.G.

Ten. Militia

Brig Genl [illegible]
To Genl Jackson dated
Feby 9th 1814

Recd Feby 12th 1814

Majr General
Andrew Jackson
Head quarters
Fort Strother

Majr General

Andrew Jackson

Head quarters

Fort Strother

Gen. Jackson dated
Feby 9 1814

Recd Feby 12th 1814

Lookout Mountain Roper.
Febʸ 9ᵗʰ 1814 —

Major Genl. A. Jackson

Sir.. My Letter of the 5th inform you of my arival at fort Armstrong. where I found 80 Cherokees.. on the 7th they had increased to 100. I Could not prevail on them to March to this place, owing to its vicinity to their homes. Major Walker was of the opinion. it would be better to. progress towards fort Strother and depend on their Guns for Subsistance which accorded. with their wishes. I. Recᵈ a Letter. from the Ridge Stating a Large number of Cherokees would assemble. on the. 8th and March for fort Armstrong. without delay.. I. immediately Sent a Runner to. Retard. their. March to the 17th. and Rendesvous on the 20th at fort Armstrong. Col. Lowry. & Capt. James Brown. Recᵈ notice in time to. Stop their March. part of their. Men is at this place... information of your intended March is Generally. diffused through the Nation. and from the anxiety Manifested by the Cherokees. to Join you... I am pretty. Sanguin that that force will be Tolourable. Formidable the indians Say. 7 or 8 Hundred. 500 ~~hundred~~. is My. calculation.. Runners. have been. Sent to the upper parts of. the Nation with talks Calculated to Rouse the. Cherokees.. I. Shall. ~~Continue~~ up as far as. Highwassa Garrison under a hope of. being able to. procure. a Supply of. Blankits Many. of the Cherokees are destitute of. warm Clothing.. your orders would Meet me at this place on the 17th or at fort Armstrong on the 19th. Much anxiety prevails among the troops

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from the East Relative to their term of Service, murmurs and discontents allready prevades many, a perfect equality exists in Col. Allisons Regimt... or at Least the short stay I made with them induced me to form this opinion

Accept Sir assurances of my perfect Confidence

Gedeon Morgan jr
C. C. Cheroke forces

Col. Gid. Morgan

To Genl. Jackson
dated Feby 9th 1814

Recd. Feby 14th 1814

Express

Major General A. Jackson

Head Quarters
of
Tennessee Army.

Major General A. Jackson

Head Quarters

Tennessee Army.

Express

Recd Feby 14th 1814

To Genl Coffee
dated Feby 9th 1814

Head Quarters
Sixth & Seventh } Fort Hawkins 9th February 1814. –
Districts ---

Sir, I had the honor of receiving on the 5th of this month, by a Runner through the Indian Nation, the Official account of your Expedition to the Ocfuskee settlement on the Talipoosa; and yesterday Mr Murray brought to me a duplicate of it, together with your letter of the 29th of January. —

The recital of the action which Genl Floyd had with the Enemy within eight miles of the Talipoosa on the 27th ulto affords the fairest eulogium on the utility of that expedition. the foresight which you exhibited in the plan, the judicious dispositions adopted in its progress and the intrepidity and skill displayed in its varied and well contested actions have obtained the applause of your fellow soldiers, and merit the gratitude of your Country: the Gallant General Coffee and the faithful and patriotic band of ~~[illegible]~~ volunteer Officers, Artillerists and Spies who have supported you in protecting

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2. the frontier, and maintaining the honor of your State in the worst of times, have earned additional honor by their intelligent bravery displayed on this occasion: and the patriotic zeal with which the Volunteers came forward to your assistance & the courage they exhibited in battle, leave it only to be regretted that their Campaign was of so short ~~[illegible]~~ duration. — The confusion occasioned by the disorderly retreat of your rear guard on the 24th, which you mention as an exception to the General good conduct of your detachment was certainly to be regretted; but it was fully compensated by the result, for I never witnessed nor do I recollect to have heard of an instance where troops of this description thus completely thrown into confusion, could be again brought forward to fight and conquer their assailants.

General Floyd was on the 3rd of this Month at Fort Hull within 15 miles of the Tallapoosa: the time of ~~[illegible]~~ will expire on the 22nd, and his numbers have been so much diminished by sickness & casualties

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that I fear he will not have it in his power to establish a post within the Fork. — I have sent to him the few Regulars we had on this frontier amounting to between two and three hundred under Col: Milton an Officer of distinguished merit, who with the 5th United States Infantry preserved the ~~other~~ Army in the action near Fort George where they were surprised by the British, and Generals Winder & Chandler taken prisoners. — A thousand of the South Carolina Militia will march from this Post to-day, to be in time to relieve the Georgians: The North Carolina Troops will probably not arrive here in less than two weeks; so that our Army and that of the Centre will probably recommence their operations about the same time. — Lt. Col: ~~Russell~~ ~~of the 3d United States Infantry~~ — Col: Milton will command the Centre Army, when General Floyd retires, until the arrival of a General Officer from North Carolina. — Lt. Col: Russell of the 3d United States Infantry in the South is busily employed in building Boats on the Alabama, where General Flournoy writes from New Orleans, that he had collected

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to fight his way to the confluence of the Rivers
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measures you are adopting to secure a supply
of provisions, and I have now a hope that I shall
be able to join the three Corps whose operations
I am ordered to direct at that important point
whence I trust the Campaign against the Indians
will be speedily terminated. — I must however
repeat what was the principal purport of my
letter of the 5th of this Month, that until you shall
receive further information you must not depend
on supplies of provision, or cooperation in the Fork
from this Quarter: but if your force & magazines
will enable you to advance without this aid
You cannot commence your operations too soon.

Taken

taking care to destroy or disperse any considera-
=ble body of the Enemy, who may have assembled
on the route, destroying their Towns & Provisions. —

Mr Murray informs me that he passed at the
Look out Mountain, a part of your reinforcement
from East Tennessee in which he understood that
the 1500 detached Militia formed a part: I
am now only apprehensive that you will for a
short time have more troops than you can subsist.

You should however & be careful to apportion
your force to your supplies, not keeping a super-
-numerary Mouth of man or beast. —

I have the honor to be very respectfully
Sir
Your most Obedient Servant. —

Thomas Pinckney

Major General Jackson. —

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Major Genl. Pinckney to
Genl. Jackson; dated Fort
Hawkins Feby 9th. 1814

Recd. Feby 17th. 1814

Respecting the battles at
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Head Quarters
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I have the honor to be
very respectfully Sir
yr mo. ob. Servt.
signed Thomas Pinckney

Copy of letter from
Genl. Pinckney to
Genl. Jackson
9th February 1814

The instructions will be seen in these [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] A. J.

Washington T. 9th Feby 1814

Dear General

Will you by the first express com-
-ing this Way let me know if any
supplies such as Corn Meal and Bacon
Could be received at Fort Deposit
under your Order— and at what rate
I suppose I could dispose of those
Articles to the Contractor but with him
here I wish to have little to do—as
heretofore I furnished several Companies
of the Militia Who were here without
provisions and no one ^ here to furnish them
Wherefore I was through humanity induced
to furnish them and on presenting my
Accpts or Receipts to the Contractor when
afterwards passing this place he would

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nor did not agree to pay me

I. suppose I could furnish from ten to twenty thousand Rations exclusive of the Component parts - this is the Manner in Which I am told Mr. McGee furnishes and that at 22 Cents at Lookout Mountain - Could I be assured of 20 Cents at Fort Deposit I will furnish On the Shortest Notice - and on this point should like to be instantly inform

I have the Honor to be
Dear Genl.
Your obedient
Huml.
Servt
D. Rawlings

Major General Andrew Jackson

D. Rawlings, to
Genl. Jackson, dated
Feby 9th 1814

Recd Feby 26th 1814

Major General Andrew Jackson
Politeness of } Fort Strother
Docr. T. J. Van Dyke } Creek Nation

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Major General Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

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Doc^r^ T. J. Van Dyke

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D. Cummings to
Genl. Jackson, dated
Feby 9th 1814

Rec^d^ Feby 26th 1814

Sixty days after date I promise to pay to James Jackson or order at the Nashville Bank, one thousand dollars, value received - Witness my hand & seal Feby 9th 1814 -

Credit the Drawer

Andrew Jackson (seal)
by James Jackson his
Atty in fact

James Jackson

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D N.° 307

And. Jackson

$ 1.000.—

due 10/13 april 1814

James Jackson

Feb 10 1814

Dr Genl

I recd your favour of the 3d instant, and have duly weighed its contents— I have directed Captain Cavanaugh to remain where you have encamped him and the other old Volunteers of your Brigade— untill further ordered you will order, a field officer to repair to the point where they are encamped to take the command of them, should there be four companies exclusive of Captl Hammonds rangers, you will order Colo Dyer, and Major Gibson into the field— and should your wounds permit I will be happy that you take the command of that Regtl. and Col. Browns from East Tennessee of which you will advise me of the prospects by the earliest opportunity— Inclosed I send you a copy of the Secretary of wars letter to me of the 28th day of [illegible] expressive of [illegible] handed me by Captl Basskervilles— the Capt reported himself ready for service, and I have ordered him into the field, to be ready to join me on the 20th, I expect to move on the 25th if [illegible] sufficient supplies up against that day— [illegible] from Genl Pinckney make this necessary—

Colo. Williams has been ordered by Genl Flournoy to proceed to Neworleans— I have detained him here untill the order of Genl Pinckney is known on the subject— I hope he will be continued with me— with my best respects to Polly & wishes to yourself— I am yrs respectfully

Andrew Jackson
Major Genl

P.S. I am advised that the volunteers think it contains very important information as it respects them and I detain its contents from them— let them think so— so much the better— when proper they will have it— let them [illegible] and Dyer in due time they will be noticed— Capt Hammonds is here— he will leave me for his company today

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Genl. Coffee will please take Grey a fifer in the 24th & Harry a ~~Dr~~ hired Drummer with him During the Creek Campaign — They shall have my orders to report themselves to him.

W. P. Anderson
Col. 24th Regt

Brigadier Genl.
John Co[illegible]
near Rutherford
State of Tenn

publick service

[illegible]

Genl. Jackson's [illegible]
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10th Feby 1814

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Genl. Jacksons Letter
[illegible] written [illegible]
10th Feby 1814

Hermitage February the 10 1814

My Dearest Life

I received your Letter by Express

Never Shall I forgit it I have not Slept one night Sine
What a dreadfull scene it was how did I feel I never
can discribe it I cryed aloud and praised my god
For your safety how thankfull I was — oh my unfortu-
=nate Nephew he is gon how I deplore his Loss his untimely
end — My dear pray Let me Conjure you by every
Tie of Love of friendship to Let me see you before you
go againe I have borne it untill now it has thrown
me Into feavers I am very unwell — my thoughts
Is never diverted from that dreadfull scene oh
how dreadfull to me — the mercy and goodness of
Heaven to me you are Spared perils and dangers
so maney troubles — my prayers is unceasing how
Long o Lord will I remaine so unhappy no rest no ease
I cannot sleepe all can come home but you I never want
ed to see you so mutch in my life had it not have
been for Colonel Hayes I should have started
rite to Huntsville let me know and I will fly on
The wings of the purest affection I must see you pray
My Darling never make me so unhappy for aney Country

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I hope The Campaing will soon End the Troops That is now on Their way will be suffiecient to End the ware in the Creek Country you have now don more Than aney other man Ever did before you have served your Country Long Enough you have gained maney Laurels you have Ernd Them & more gloriously than had your Sit uation han been diferently & in stid of your Enemyes Injuring of you as they intend it has been an advantage to you — you have been gone a Long time six monthes in all that time what has been your trials daingers and Diffyculties hardeships oh Lorde of heaven how Can I beare it — Colo Hayes waites once more I commend you to god his providential Eye is on you his parental tender Care is gardeing you — my prayers my Tears is for your safety day and night — farewell my I fell too much at this moment our Dear Little Son is well he sayes maney Things to Sweet papa which I have not time to mention the Choisest blessings of Heaven awaite you Crown your wishes — health and happy dayes untill we meet — Let it not be Long from your dearest friend and faithfull wife untill death

Mr Andrew Jackson Rachel Jackson —

Andrew's Lane

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Major
Genl Andrew Jackson
Forte Strouther

By favour of
Colo R Hayes

Head Quarters } Fort Hawkins 10th February 1814.
Sixth & Seventh
Districts - - -

Sir, your letter of the 4th of this Month has been just delivered to me by Mr McCandless. I have direct=ed the Adjutant General to issue and Order to Col: Williams to remain with you, which will take all responsibility from him on the subject. - I am clearly of opinion that the ser=vice of the United States will be more advanced by this measure than by permitting the 39th Regt= to proceed to Orleans by the Mississippi. -

In addition to your observations on this contra=dictory of orders which is correct, the apparent contra=diction of instructions may be reconciled by a reference to dates. - The order from the Adjutant and Inspector General's Office to Col. Williams was issued on the 2nd of November. - The order whereby the President assigned to me the command of the 7th District is dated on the 7th of that Month which being posterior must of course annul all antecedent

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antecedent of a contradictory purport.—

I inclose an extract of a letter from General Flournoy, to shew that Officers senior of the command assigned to me: he could not at the date of his order to Col: Williams, have been apprised of the disposition of his Regiment; the order for which was issued only on the 23d of December; and his letter to me and orders to Col: Williams were both evidently written under the impression of a meditated attack on New Orleans, and the arrival of a British fleet force at Pensacola, neither of which have been realised.— To which I may add that I communicated on the 28th of December to the Department of War, the measures I had adopted to reinforce you, and have received no contradictory instruction from that Department.—

I enter into this detail, Sir, which you will please to communicate to Col: Williams to shew that the present arrangement is not only consonant to the rules of military service, but that there is no substantial contradiction in those received.

Nothing

Nothing new has occurred in this quarter since I addressed you by return of Mr Murray yester=
=day.— I have the honor to be very respectfully

Sir

Your most Obedient Servant.

Thomas Pinckney

P.S. By late accounts from the Georgia army, it is not improbable that General Floyd may make another attempt to attack the settlements near the confluence of the Coosa & Talipoosa before the expiration of his tour of duty.—

Major General Jackson —

Major Genl. Pinckney
to Genl. Jackson dated
Feby 10. 1814. at Ft. Hawkins

Recd. Feby 17th 1814

Huntsville Feb-y 11th 1814

Dear Genl,

I have received your communications up to this date and in reply can only say, that no exertions on my part will be wanting to forward the supplies - The contractors will have advised you ere this, of their progress, and Majr Haskill his success in obtaining the means of transportation - he is vigilent - I directed him yesterday to employ as many active men as men actually necessary to procure the waggons wanted - That there should be no sticking point, till the provisions were at Head quarters - I hope you will not be disappointed - In one thing however (flatter my self) you will be disappointed. I mean in the progress the troops will have made against you see them, in discipline and good order - In this respect I hope to have them equal to the old volunteers -

Capt Spears is carrying on the necessary tools for boat building; It was my first inquiry when I came here, to know if such things had been forwarded to Head quarters, I was informed they had been -

I have this moment recd information that the Govr has recd an appointment forwarded for you

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as Maj. Genl. in the United States Army
if such be fact will you please inform me
the next time you write—
Genl. Roberts and the members of the court martial
will be with you in due time — Col. Brown
is sent for—
Genl. Johnstons Brigade can make a rapid movement
when ordered — I was pleased to see your letter to
him on the subject of his supernumerary appoint
ments—
I have in this place a Brother in law, Capt Bradford
of the U. S. army — he has been two years with
Harrison — he was wounded and obtained a
furlough to spend the winter in Tennessee —
he is extremely anxious to be with you, and
would be glad if you would order him on
I presume you are not acquainted with him — he
has been a citizen of Kentucky for a number of
years — he assists me in training the men — he is an
intelligent and rigid disciplinarian, well qualified
to render service in any army — he is a good Artillery
officer — perhaps you could feel yourself authorized
to order him on — at all events he will go on
with me—
I am Sir, respectfully
Yr. Mo. Ob. Servt.
Wm. Carroll

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Col. Wm Carroll to Genl
Jackson, dated Feby 11th
1814 at Huntsville

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Majr General
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Fort Strother

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[illegible]
Jackson, dated July 11
1814 at Huntsville

Rec.d July 14th 1814

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St. [illegible] Plantation

[illegible] Feby 1814

Hon.^l Sir

[illegible] beg leave to lay before your Excellency a number of [illegible] I [illegible] since I was brought into this Country, humbly praying that your [illegible] be [illegible] such distressing Circumstances [illegible] under [illegible] you will [illegible] recollect that about the 19.th of [illegible] my Negro [illegible] a Letter [illegible] friendly aid [illegible] from the [illegible] before his return [illegible] with the [illegible] his [illegible] off my Negro overtook me [illegible] on [illegible] in the night [illegible] to me [illegible] day by a Maj.r [illegible] before [illegible] [illegible] Miles of [illegible] by a M.r [illegible] the night [illegible] my Negro [illegible] by the [illegible] the [illegible] on my [illegible] James [illegible] my [illegible] Son [illegible] papers [illegible] a Bond of [illegible]

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Indemnification from Mr. [illegible] Clark Merch-
of Ogilvie, State of Georgia, the Gentleman
who was Administrator to the Estate of Thos.
Scott, late of the Creek Nation deceased, which
said Bond proves that I received no part of the
Estate as alledged against me by [illegible] Scott, as
Reported. The [illegible] [illegible] these
facts, [illegible] the [illegible] day. [illegible] Lieutenant of
[illegible] were the three Chief Chosen to settle
the Affairs of Thos. Estate, by the parties
concerned — Gen. Coothe approved every thing
[illegible] accordingly [illegible] served me with a
protection, [illegible] by his Aid D. Camp
[illegible], by reason
of the [illegible] [illegible] time to
[illegible] [illegible] to inform
your Honor that the [illegible] who had Robed
[illegible] have already [illegible] to by
Gen. Coothe [illegible] the [illegible] of the
[illegible] [illegible] the mandate
[illegible] [illegible] his conclusion, says
[illegible] the Army under my command
[illegible] by these
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] to their Order
[illegible] said Gentleman
[illegible] any [illegible]

read me a letter with the Signature, John Lacoste
after handing me said letter, they demanded [illegible] from
me which I refused, they then proceeded by force, three
of them seized me, & the fourth rifled my pocket &
took the letter, & 19 Dollars [illegible] which they brought
in presence of Mr. John Wright of this place.
three days after this [illegible], John Harris & his
children came on & robbed me of 13 more [illegible]
4 days ago, [illegible] [illegible] with his party
robbed my place [illegible] in short they have
left me both hungry [illegible] unable to procure
any thing to [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] humbly
pray that your [illegible] [illegible] clemency
and Mercy may be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] facts
into your considera[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] me such redress
as your honor in [illegible] [illegible] equity
& Justice, shall [illegible] proper to Confer on
and am to remain [illegible] Respectfully

His Excellency, Hond. Sir

Major Gen. Jackson Your Obd.t Serv.t

Robt. Grierson

P. S. This will be handed you
by Mr. Stephen Hawkins who has lived in my
house for twenty five years past, and can
testify to my owning most of the Negroes
I [illegible] on my own farm. I send you
such of my [illegible], as may be [illegible]
to [illegible], & begs you inform —

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Robt. Grayson to
Genl. Jackson, dated
July 11th 1814

Rec. July 17. 1814

His Excellency
Major Genl.
And. Jackson
Commander in chief of the
[illegible]
Head Quarters [illegible]

Huntsville Feby 11th 1814

Majr Genl Andrew Jackson, Sir,

I recd your advices of the 9th inst addressed to Colo Hays which I perused and forwarded to the Colo, as did I the other. The Contractors pledge themselves to comply with your requisitions for 150,000 Rations — [illegible] have heard of the Hemp you ordered and shall send a waggon for it tomorrow by light. I have recd this evening an additional Cross-cut and whip saw which I hurry up in the morning. Colo Napers Regt will reach Deposit to-morrow. I shall move on some axes and other road tools per express in morning which will reach him as soon as he crosses the Tennessee. I shall continue to send them untill he is supplyed. I shall remove six waggons in the morning to Deposit. I shall send 5 persons out to-morrow in search of corn. I understand there is no corn at Deposit that I shall endeavour to remedy that by waggons going up — I shall also for word you sugar, flannel and a cheese —

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the saws cannot well be taken up
horse=back. They should be urged
by a brisk team. — I expect your
further instructions as to Munitions
and hospital stores = Your Order
shall be complyed with as to daily
advice of the state of things here.
I shall endeavour to get Capt
Bealy to stay at this place and
proceed to the County myself,
when the waggons shall not
smoke by the road when they ought
to be moving. —

I am Respectfully
Sir, Your most
Obedt. Servt.

Joshua Haskell
Superintending the Qr.
Master Genl's Department
At Huntsville

Maj Genl Jackson
Fort Strother

Majr Joshua Haskell
To Genl Jackson
dated Feby 11th 1814

Recd Feby 14th 1814

Major Genl Andrew Jackson
Head Quartrs Fort Strother
Creek Nation

Huntsville Feby 11th 1814

Majr Genl A. Jackson, Sir

I have this day procured a number of axes - and put some shops to making more, besides sending out some persons to purchase the residue required if they can or to impress them to supply the immediate call of Col. Napiers Regt. order on those tools I shall forward on in the morning by pack horse as they can go on so much earlier in this manner. I have purchased this day 100 Barrels of Corn at $2 per Barrel and can forward it to Deposit without any additional Expence by the Waggons I am Continually sending up to that post.— your letters written before I left you and forwarded by Col. Brown to Cols. Hays and Carroll were handed me this day unopened: But Col. Carroll ever attentive and discerning had anticipated your order and nearly Executed it before it reached him. Col. Carroll is Employing every moment of his time with the troops and when he is ordered up, will bring with him Soldiers,

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which will be solely the workmanship of his hands. This day agreeably to the order of Col. Hays 600 or 700lb of Lead have been purchased at this place - I have at length procured some Candle wicking and moulds of the Contractors which will be taken on with this. Every thing Cannot be Effected in a moment but matters are progressing as well as could be Expected, taking into view every Embarassment under which the Quarter Masters Department now labours. —

I am Sir Respectfully
Your most
Obdt. Servt.
Joshua Haskell

Maj. Genl. A. Jackson
Head Quarters Fort Strother

Super Intending the
Qr. Master Genl.s
Department at
Huntsville

Feby 12th 1814

P.S. since writing yr dispatches which just reached this I shall forward to Colo. Hays yr letters and orders to him —

I shall also by express agreeably to your orders to Colo. Carroll forward on an additional set of tools for Blacksmiths such as the Colo. and my self have thought necessary as far as they can be allowed.

In great haste
I am Respectfully
Yr. most Obdt
Servt

Joshua Haskell
Superintendent
Ctn. Qr. Master
Genl's Department
at Huntsville

Major Joshua Haskell
To Genl. Jackson
dated Huntsville Feby
11th 1814

Recd. Feby 14th 1814

Majr. Genl. A. Jackson
Head Qrs. Fort Strother
Creek nation

Favd. by
Capt. Gordon

Majr. Genl. A. Jackson
Head Quarters. Fort Strother
Creek nation

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Capt. Gordon

Major Joshua Haskell
To Genl. Jackson
dated Huntsville Feby
11th 1814

Recd. Feby 14th 1814

Camp Johnson Feby 11th 1814.

Dear General) This Morning I recd. yours of the 8th. Instant, Col. Carrolls communication with my former letter, shews you the prospect of my present force; Col. Steels report of yesterday inform me that he has 300; on the 15th. Instant the deficiencies from the Brigades in the 2d. division are to rendezvous in Fayetteville, all of which will be ready to march at your command, this day I recd. a letter from Majr. Thomas Williamson commanding the Mounted men at Camp Blount, the No. present he does not state, I am informed by the bearer that he has about 150. besides the companies of Captn. Cavanaugh & Smith at that place, —

I have this day wrote to Col. Hays requesting him not to send on the Roll of my Brigade Staff untile it is regulated, which no doubt will be immediately done after I join your Head quarters; In fixing the Staff I could not procure the Laws of the U.S. and acted from the best information I could procure,

If I have made a mistake as to a Brigade Majr. and a Brigade Inspector it has arose from the following circumstance the Constitution of Tennessee gives the power of appointing a Major

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to the Brig. Genl. and Subsequent Laws makes it the duty of
the Brigade Majr. under the direction of the Brig. General
to make the annual returns on or before a certain time;
Subsequent to the above the Legislature has made it the
duty of the Brig. Genl. to appoint a Brigade inspector
who's duty it shall be to attend the drilling of officers &c.
those laws when you examin them you will find was
my reason for the appointment, and on a full examination
of the Law & Constitution, (if we are governed by the Laws
of Tennessee) you will find my opinion correct, - both
your experience and a knowledge of the Laws are such,
by which I am, ~~I am~~ with pleasure governed and particularly that
of the United States; you shall hear from me
frequently, every day if any thing new occurs -
your communications will be thankfully recd.

I am Yr. Obedt. Humbl. Servt.

Thos. Johnson B.G.
Tennessee Militia

Majr. General Andw. Jackson

P.S. My Brigade inspector informs me that the Morning reports which you have probably rec. are not correct, but the following are so. to wit.

1st Regimt. Commanded by Colo. R.C. Napier at Deposit Report dated Feby 2d	604
2nd Regimt. Commanded by Colo. A Cheatham Report dated Feby 11th	485
3rd Regimt. Commanded by Colo. S. Copeland Report dated Feby 11th	648
Total	1737

The above exclusive of those at Camp Blount.

Thos. Johnson B.G.
of M.

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Genl. Thos. Johnston to
Genl. Jackson, dated camp
Johnston Feby 11th. 1814

Recd. Feby 14th. 1814

Majr. General
Andrew Jackson
Head quarters
Fort Strother

Highwassee Garrison
Dear General. 11th February 1814.

I had the honor to receive your letter of the 27th. November accompanied by a letter from Richard Brown Stating the necessity of procuring corn for the Cherokees who live in that part of the Country through which the troops under your command marched against the Enemy. I am happy that you being witness to the circumstances of those People interest yourself in their behalf. I immediately took measures to procure corn & have purchased about 3000 bushels: two Boats with corn descend the river this day from this place. one Boat having been sunk has caused some delay & loss. the two boats mentioned are sent to R. Browns village.

It has given me pleasure in having noticed in your Official letters that the Cherokees who acted within your observation have merited your approbation. The desultory manner of their assembling from very distant parts of their nation & their places of acting the first part of the Campaign has hitherto prevented their being organized into regular Corps. In order to do this in the best manner your advice would be decisive. I have written to Colonel Morgan who has hitherto acted as their guide & leader. I suggested to him some of my ideas relating to their Organization calculated as I conceived to conciliate the views of the three prominent characters R. Brown. Lowrey & Walker. they are all men of equal merit, they have military pride & self respect. either of them would be willing to stand on equal ground with each other: but neither would be willing to be out ranked by either. As they will be employed on desultory & detached service Cannot they have equal rank without a contest ever happening between them? I presume that Colonel Morgan will communicate my ideas expressed to him. and he will need your aid of course to effect the object of their organization. Whatever you advise & direct will be conclusive and will be agreable to the Government. Those three characters will all expect the rank of Field Officers & will well deserve it in commanding their men & I conceive it very inferior matter to the U. States whether they receive the pay of Majors or Colonels. 246

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And there might be an advantage to the U. States by their holding considerable rank; it will give them influence amongst their own people. the war is not yet over we may want their aid and if the British persist in employing Indians it will be right if not necessary to counteract them by calling into our service a large number of Indians — by the aid of a number of Arms 1500 Cherokee warriors could be brought into the field. The English for political reasons affected to consider the Indians as Allies, and it is evident that Proctor & his officers were in constant dread of them: it is not so with us, and never will be the case unless we give them the latitude of considering themselves as our Allies. They now behave well, they are proud to bear Arms & to act in the field with their White Brothers & there can be no doubt of their fidelity; but they must be intirely guided by by our Councils. —

General you will not consider me as assuming any thing for I am sensible of the impropriety of any man's acting out of his proper place. I was directed by the Secretary of war to correspond with Governor Blount & the Governor of Georgia relating to the employment of the Cherokees. I did so & Governor Blount requested me to correspond with yourself & General Cocke relating to the employment of these people: and they now begin to enquire of me about Pay, I can only tell them that when they are organized like the white troops they may well be prepared for Payment &c. —

Sir I have the pleasure of rejoicing with every good citizen of the U. States on the unparalleled success of the troops under your command against an enemy whose ferocity has been let loose by the English & the Spaniards against their greatest benefactors & I conceive that fighting the enemy in the field has not been the greatest difficulty you have had to contend with — I hope heaven will continue to smile on your exertions untill you realize your wishes & return to the enjoyment of your family & friends. —

Most respectfully

Major General Jackson — I am your Obedient Servant.

Return J. Meigs.

Major General Andrew Jackson
Commanding the Tennessee troops
Creek Nation.

Col. Return J. Meigs
To Genl. Jackson dated
February 11th 1814

Recd. Feby 26th 1814

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Major General Andrew Jackson

Commanding the Tennessee troops

Creek Nation.

... Febry 2[illegible]th 1814

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... Ans on date

Camp Blount Feby 11th 1814

Dear General,

Sir,

According to your directions I returned home and Endeavoured to rally the Old Volunteers, tho' in vain; yet I was so fortunate as to procure some new ones, to aid in the Cause, who are now at this place and upon my arrival here I found myself promoted to a Majors ~~Commission~~ appointment which I most ardently hope will meet your entire approbation In the Mounted Cavalry. Holding myself ready at your call, at which time I will be with you. for I am determined never to desert the cause of my Country.

My old friend Capt. Spiece will hand you this, and should He be dismissed from his present Station, and their be a Vacancy that you can fill with him I think he will fill it to the best of his ability & which will be gratifying to me. I am yrs very respectfully

Thomas Williamson

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Maj General Andrew Jackson

Fort Strother

Majr. Genl. Williamson
To Genl. Jackson dated
Camp Blount July 11. 1814

Recd. July 14th 1814